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To the Revd W. Harriet
at Llantrisent Glamorgansh

London House 27. Dec. 17

Postscript to the Cor: Letter

Revd Sr

In Answr. to w. you write about the Welsh Bibles, you procured Subscriptions for, Mr. Williams tells me that the Advance Money, not being returnd to London nor being certifyd to him as recd. by you in the Country he did not insert W. Jenkins Subscription in the List, w. he has sometime since given in to the Kings Printer, and so few were printed above the Number subscribd for, that the Printers now refuses to deliver any at the price subscribd, and talks of having 6. each copy in Quires: But to remedy this inconvenience to you and yr. Frs. if you please to remit the Advance Money of 2/6. and the remaining 2. 6 for each copy to any Fr. in London I will use my best Endeavours to perswade some Members of the Society to part with so many Copies of their Subscripton as shall make good yr. Engagemt. and if you would have em bound they will come to 12d more that is 5/6 each bound The Society have not met since I rec. your last

To the Rev.d M.r La Croze
at Geneva.

London House. 30. Dec.r 17[illegible]

Rev.d S.r This presents you with the Society's Circular Lett.r for this year, and serves to inform you that M.r Chamberlayne communicated to them last month your Lett.r to him of the 14th. of Sept.r last relating to the good disposition you find in some Persons at Geneva towards forming an English congregation there, after the manner of the Church of England. Upon which I am ordered to acquaint you that the Society are very thankfull for the Account you therein give them, and I am ordered to acquaint you that upon a mature consideration of all circumstances as that the English travelling thither are for the most part transient, and that their residence there being chiefly for acquiring the language and knowledge of the Customs of the Country, that such an Establishm.t as you propose cannot be effected without a considerable expense to erect and maintain it in a condition suitable to the Honour of our Church & Nation, as the instances of the English Churches at Rotterdam & Amsterdam have shewn, to say nothing of the Jealousie which such an undertaking might give as if the English travelling to Geneva design'd to the Common of the Foreign Brethren of the Protestant, nor of the appearance it might give of it's being the thought of forming a Party in the Society (who are only a voluntary Body) assuming to do at Geneva, which the

the Corporation Society for Prop. the Gospel in Foreign parts declin'd doing in Holland. That for these reasons the Society think they cannot in prudence embarke themselves in promoting an English Church at ~~Rotterdam~~ Geneva, though they think it very Laudable in you to bestow your Labours as you do while Providence casts your Lot ~~among~~ in that place, ~~and they hope your example may induce~~ I am with great respect

Rev.ᵈ Sir

N.B. This Lett.ʳ was read at ye Com: 30. Dec.ʳ and they chose rather to send him 1/4 of a hund.ᵈ of Com: Pray.ʳ books.

To the Hon.ble Gov.r Collet
at Fort S.t George.

Middle Temple.
6. Jan.y 1718/9

Honoured Sir

~~I receiv'd your Letters of the 17th of Sept.r 1717 by one of the last Ships from Fort S.t George and communicated the same to the Society who are very sensible of the great obligations they are under to you for the many good offices you have done to the Protestant Missionaries and the Charity Schools on the Coast of Coromandel for which I am ordered in a particular manner to give you the thanks of the Society.~~ I receiv'd your favour of the 19.th of ~~the 19th~~ ~~last~~ ~~1717~~ ~~and did~~ Sept.r 1717 by one of the last Ships from Fort S.t George and communicated the same to the Society who are very sensible of the great obligations they are under to you for the many good offices you have done to the Protestant Missionaries and the Charity Schools on the Coast of Coromandel for which I am ordered in a particular manner to give you the thanks of the Society. They were not a little

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concern'd to find you confirm the Accounts given by others of the great prejudices in the Mahratta Heathen to Christianity on account of their dread of being expell'd from their respective Casts, and without doubt ~~as you say~~ it is not to be expected that these prejudices ~~&c~~ in which they are bred up should ever be surmounted by the bare force of reason, without the extraordinary ~~blessing~~ Spirit & Grace of God accompanying ~~such reasons as are offered for re-~~ the preaching of the Gospel to them.
~~-commending Christianity to them~~.

The Society are pleased to understand that you approve of the present Method used by the Missionaries for ~~educating~~ instructing the Heathen Youth in the Christian Religion before they ~~are tainted with the prejudices of~~ ~~their Parents by the Religious Principles~~ of Heathenism ~~has taken possession of their Minds~~, and they are persuaded these beginnings though small at present will not prove despicable in their Consequences, ~~and that~~ it what was formerly to the Jews a stumbling block & to the Greeks foolishness ~~was in time~~ at length in time it did to them prove, to be the wisdom & power of God among the Indian Gentiles. ~~as effectually as it did to both Jews & Greeks~~.

It is ~~the Society~~ agreeable to you that all possible care should be taken by the Instructors sent among them to teach plain Christianity as it is found in the new Testament without swerving to any party Notions which at present unhappily divide Christians wherein

wherein they do but too much resemble the bigotry of the Heathen to their respective Gods. And this caution the Society have very freely signified to the Missionaries, in their former letters

What you propose of a Catechism shewing the excellency of the Christian Religion as it imports the Principles of Natural Religion and the superior excellency of the Great Author of the Christian Religion has made thereon, adapted to the use of the Heathen is certainly an undertaking worthy of an able Divine, and in order to it the Society have made application to a very judicious person to compose such a one, and hope at his leisure to be able to send a Copy of it to India.

I have by these ships wrote to yr. Self and the Hon.ble Council in the name of the Society to which I beg leave to refer you for a recital, offering you the Society's best wishes for your prosperity to your Govermt. as well as that I am with great regard

Hond. Sr.

yr. most obliged humble Servt.

H. Newman

P. S. Be pleased to accept of a Catechism herewith sent compos'd by the late Excellent Dr. Woodward. If any thing of this kind should be translated into the Portuguese tongue, whether the European Portuguese might be the more proper, will be for yr. Consideration, but if you think fit to recommend it to the Missionaries at Tranquebar they will both translate & print it.

I shall send by the Townsend Shipp a Copy of some Letters lately published here to satisfy the Dissenters to the Mission that their Charity has not been useless.

6 To the Hon.ble the Gov.
& Council at Fort S.t George

Mid: Temple
6. Jan.y 1718/9

Hon.d Gentlemen

The ~~Marlborough~~ Prince Frederick & Marlborough brought ~~to the~~ ~~Duplicates~~ of your very kind Letters of the 17.th Sep.r 1717. wch have been communicated to the Society, and I am order'd to thank you for your readiness to concur in such measures as ~~that may be thought proper~~ for ~~effecting the propagating~~ of our Holy Religion, and the ~~Countenance~~ Protection you continue to give to the Missionaries at Tranquebar.

The ~~Instances of yr Zeal at Fort S.t George & Fort S.t David in~~ erecting Charity Schools at Fort S.t George & Fort S.t David, not only for y.e Child.n of Christians, but of the Heathen also are ~~a good~~ Instances of yr. Zeal for promoting ~~Christianity~~ the Salvation of Souls, ~~& proofs that you are in earnest what~~ you profess to be, the Disciples of ~~Jesus~~ X.t Jesus and that you desire all men may have the happiness you enjoy of being his Followers here in hopes of being partakers of his Resurrection to Life Eternal hereafter.

And as ~~the~~ continuance ~~& Success~~ of yr kind endeavours herein ~~will not only be a~~ ~~Satisfaction~~ ~~but~~ a likely means to attain ~~the~~ ~~end~~ ~~designed~~ ~~and a Glory~~ ~~to God~~ ~~and the~~ ~~Conversion of the Heathen~~ so it is most likely ~~the~~ probable way to ~~derive~~ Blessings ~~from~~ ~~Heaven~~ upon

National ~~Virtues~~ are by his Sacred Word allowd
to be entitled to National Blessings in this
life, to ~~your Love an Effectual cause to engage the Divine Blessing to accompany you~~ whilst you
~~your Enterprizes as a~~ Company ~~in that capacity~~ are Solicitors for the
Favours of the Supreme Being on ~~all~~ your undertakings. ~~that~~ could to derive ~~the divine Blessing on all your undertakings~~ doing that Capacity take the most likely
~~capacity~~ ~~God~~. the Society have
with ~~the~~ leave of the ~~Court~~ Court of Directors
sent a small cargoe on board the Town[illegible]
for the Missionaries, ~~on board the~~ recommended
to the care of W. Jennings & W. Egg
and in the same Ship 3. Young Gent. from
~~Hall~~ Professor Franck at Hall ~~recommended~~
~~over~~ have taken passage, ~~by the Company's~~ with the Comp.ys permission
~~permission~~ to go over as assistants to the
Missionaries at Tranquebar. viz.
~~all~~ W.m Schultz, W.m Dal, &
W.m Kiffenmacher, who ~~all~~ are all re=
=commended to yr. Protection & favour.

The Society wish you all manner of
prosperity, ~~health~~ and I have the honour
to assure you of being.

Gent.

Yr. most obed.t humble
Servt.

H. N.

68 To the Hon.ble M.T. 9. Jan.y 1718/9

Sr. Gregory Page Bar.t

Hon.d S.r

~~The Society for Promoting~~ X.tian ~~Knowledge are very sensible of their obligations~~
~~to the Court of Directors of that Court to whom~~
~~they have received many favours Love~~
~~has caused~~ ^ Protestant
~~be exprest on the Missionaries to the E.~~
~~Indies, &c.~~ The Share you have in the
resolution taken by Court of Directors in behalf of the
to the E. Indies ~~&c.~~ that Hon.ble ~~Body~~
~~deserves~~ entitle you to their ~~thankfull~~ grateful
acknowledgm.ts ^ have ^
taken ye liberty to beg yr ~~acceptance of the~~ a Copy of ~~the~~ some ~~lately published~~ ^ Letters from the Missionaries
to their Frd.s in Europe wherein some
Accot. is given of the success of their
Labours, & their obligations to the English Nation
as a small testimony of that
Gratitude which is due ^ to you for ~~you, in behalf~~
~~of those many Great favours~~ the many Good
Offices you have done to them ~~at the Instance~~
~~of the Society for Prom. Xtian Knowledge~~.

I am S.r &c.

To Mr. Ziegenbalgh

St Marlborough Epiphany 6. Janry 1718/9.
at Westminster.

Reverend Sr

The News of your safe arrival together with Mr. Ziegenbalg at Tranquebar, after the perils and Labours that attend so long a-voyage, gave me a sensible pleasure, which hath been encreas'd by the advice that hath been rec.d that the Providence of God hath blessed your unwearied endeavours with farther Success: May the good Seed sown by you with so much Care and Diligence, grow, encrease and bring forth the Fruit of faith and good Works in the hearts and Lives of those who under your Guidance and by the Influence of the Holy Spirit are become members of the Christian Church and are happily lead into the way of Salvation. May all obstacles laid in your way by the great Enemy of mankind, in order to obstruct the propagation of the Gospel be effectually remov'd. — That the Sun of Righteousness (whose manifestation to the Gentile World we now commemorate) may shine out upon that Eastern part that hath so long been shaded with the dark Cloud of ignorance & and error, and after that you, by the Blessing of God, shal have long and happily liv'd in this world and shal have seen the blessed Effects of your Care and patience in the work of God may you have the great reward promis'd to those who turn many unto Righteousness, and whether we may ever again see each other in this world or not, may we through the Mercy of God, and the merits of our Saviour, be —

the Prot. Miss.

forever

forever partakers of the blissful Vision hereafter. These sincere wishes together with my hearty Thanks to you & to good Mr. Ziegenbelg for your very kind remembrance of me and of my Wife are with due esteem and respect presented by

Reverend Sr.

Your most obed.t humble Serv.t

Thomas Greene.

To John Meller.

M: Temp. 10. Jan: 1718/9.

The Society have appointed their anniversary meeting to Dine together at St. Dunstan's Quell-house on Thursday the 22.d Curr.t by 2. Clock afternoon, and desire that you would be pleas'd to be one of the Stewards to direct the preparation of the Dinner in Conjunction with Mr. Melmoth, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Tayleure, Mr. Forde Mr. H. Hoare

I am ——— Sr.

Your

Wrote the above letter to Mr. Meller, Mr. Melmoth, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Tayleure, Mr. Forde

Sr.

Med. Temp. 10 Janry 1718.

The Society desire you wo.d be pleas'd to give yo. Company at a Comee next Wednesday Morning by 9. Clock at St. Dunstan's Coffeehouse to audit the Treasurers acc.t with them. I am

Sr.

Your most humb. Serv.t

Sent the above letter to Mr. Jennings Mr. Clendon, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Bochm Mr. Wilham Mr. Hastings. Mr. Watts.

To Lord Collet.

M.T. 7th Jan.y 1718/9.

Howd V.

I wrote largely to you yesterday by the Marlborough and likewise to yr. self & Council, but having since heard that the Cambridge ~~is arrivd at Plimouth~~ is expected to be at Plimouth, and that W. Stevenson is expected this week in town within a week, I have taken ye liberty ~~to inform you thereof & to add again to~~ Salute you Townsend may be detain'd here for some time I have taken the liberty, upon a presumption that W. Woolley will allow of it for yr. sake, to send among the Company's Letters inclosed the Letters &c.a lately publish'd here on the Subject of the Mission, of which I pray yr. acceptance and intend God willing to send the former parts by the Townsend being

The Cambridge is arrivd at Plimouth & W.m Stevenson expected this week in London

I. yr. most humble Servt.

H. N.

To Messrs. Ziegenbalg & Grundler

Rev.d Sirs

M. T. 9. Jan.y 1718/9

This presents you with a Copy of what I wrote by the King William, I am now to add that Messrs. Schultz, Dal, & Kistenmacher are arrivd here from Hall

from Hall to take passage in one of the Company's
Ships to India, and will embarke in the Townsend
which 'tis hop'd will be ready to sail 3. weeks
hence. They arriv'd here not till about four days before
Xtmas and it was ~~the day before~~ Xtmas ~~day~~ before
their Things could be clear'd of the Custom house
or else they had embarqu'd on the
~~by which time the~~ Marlborough & Vansittart, (who by that
time were making their way to Downs from Gravesend)
with whom it is wish'd they might have gone
to be earlier with you than now in all
likelihood they will.

I shall by them write more particularly
~~in the mean~~ and at the same time send an Invoice
of what goes in the Townsend as a present from
the Society.

The Rev. W. Stevenson arriv'd here ~~last~~ Yesterday in
very good health after a tedious & perilous Passage, but the Letters
by the Cambridge are not yet come to hand. She being still at Plimouth.
~~am glad to see him in good health after~~ I hope
his presence & advice will enable us to do more
than we do to succour you.

The good Archbp of Canterbury sent to me his
Lett.s for you this week which I forward with
pleasure because I dare say it will be very
acceptable to you. ~~And~~ another letter I rec'd
from our worthy friend W. Green which
is herewith sent, together with a packet I rec'd
from the Revd W. Beclam. I heartily wish you
& yr. Ladies health and all yr. Enterprizes success to the
Glory of God ~~& the~~ accomplishing the Ends of your
Mission is ~~the~~ earnestly wished by

S. Gent. yr. most humble & faithfull Servt. H. N.

To Mr. Leach at Fort St. George. M.T. 10th Jan. 1718

Dear S.r I hope you are long ere this safe arriv'd at Fort St. G. I was much pleas'd to rede yr. entertaining Lett. from the Cape to Mr. Tho.s & Mr. Gunston, which refresh'd several of yr. friends. Your wife & Children were all in good health the 6.th Curt. when I call'd to see them, & yr. pretty Son Jno. is wiser, to be a most ingenious Creature he is got beyond me in Arithmetick & at the rate he goes on will be a master in a few days of most parts of the Mathematicks. Both Mother & Child desire me to send their Duty to you. Your wife wrote to you by the Cadogan who was till it was design'd for Fort St. Ga. but is now order'd for the Bay so y.r Letter will be some Months ere you get your Letter or I can write to Mr. Feverell at Fort St. George this Salute till I am D.r Sr. Yr. H. N.

M.T. 10th Jan.y 7th 1718/9.

Dear S.r above is Copy of my Lett.r by the King Will.m I am now to acq.t you that I this Morn: rec.d your kind Lett.r of the 10.th of Feb.y last w.ch I immediately communicated to yr. good Father who then told me he had not rec.d any from you by the Cambridge, but just now he sends me the enclos'd to forward to you. Mr. Stevenson arriv'd at London in good health the day before Yesterday after a very tedious & perilous voyage, of which you will hear from better hands. Mess.rs Schultz, Dal, & Kistenmacher 3. Young Gent. from Hall in Saxony sent to go over as Assistants to the Missionaries at Tranquebar will take Passage in the Townsend by whom I shall write again & send you an Invoice of what goes by Licence for the Missionaries in the Ship. Mr. Richd Hoare dy'd at Hendon the 6.th Curt. but very much advanced in years, not to be blam'd for his Death. I refer you to the enclosed for other particulars & remain D.r Sr. Yr. most obliged humble Servt. H. N.

Mr. Wendy Botha of Cape Town is in the Ship, goes over Chaplain in the room of Mr. Tranquebar in Mr. Stevenson's room.

My humble Service to Mr. Legg, Mr. Lea & Mr. Hugonin.

To Mr. Leigh & Gwinder  M. F. 12. Jan. 1708/9

Rev.d S.rs

In mine of the 9th Curt. I forgot to tell you that the Company have appointed the Rev.d Mr. Wendey ~~who seems to be a worthy person~~ to succeed Mr. Stevenson & His appointm.t was so sudden that he goes over in the Varnitton. I have not been so happy as to have more than had the happiness only of a sway short acquaintance with him, but he seems to be a very worthy person & will I hope likewise succeed Mr. Stevenson in doing you good offices. I have bespoke his kindness ~~to do~~ herein, & he has promised to do you what service he can, and I shall continually solicite him by Letter. His departure was so sudden that the Society have not had the opportunity as they hop'd of making him the compliment of being a Corresponding member, ~~as they had~~ nor he indeed leisure to accept of that Compliment but I expect their Comands to follow him with an invitation to ~~their Correspondence~~ a Correspondence with them in ~~Europe~~. I recd the Letters herewith sent just now from Mr. Boelum who will write ~~to you~~ by the Townsend. I am with great respect Salutes your &c

Rev.d S.rs

Your most humble Serv.t

H. N.

Mr. Joshua Tomlinson who has for some years past been Chaplain at St. Helena, is appointed to succeed Mr. Briercliffe at Bengal.

vid. P. S. to this Lett.r sent by Mr Tomlinson on the other side.

To My L. Bp of Lichfield & Coventry M.T. 12. Jan.$^{y}$ 1718/9

My Lord

I herewith send those Papers which I promis'd to lay before y$^{r}$ L.$^{p}$, ~~and submit it to~~ but the Sessions is ~~so far advanced, that for that~~ & other reasons I believe y$^{r}$ L.$^{p}$ will be of opinion ~~nothing~~ concerning which y$^{r}$. Lordships thoughts will be very acceptable to those who have the care of digesting them into one Bill. W. Talbot thinks the Sessions too far advanced to com=mence it, now ~~this time~~ for which reason & other reasons perhaps y$^{r}$ Lordship will think it ~~not practicable to~~ advisable to delay it for the present, but the Materials necessary for such a Bill of this nature cannot be too suggested & look into by a judicious Person to be form'd into a Bill wherein y$^{r}$ L.$^{p}$ advice is humbly desir'd.

My D.$^{r}$ I herewith send Our Treasurer's Receit for the Benefaction your Ladyp was pleas'd to send by my Lords to the Society who thankfully accept of the Honour y$^{r}$ L.$^{p}$ has done to them. Give me leave to mention that y$^{r}$ L.$^{p}$ has sub=scrib'd 5.$^{l}$ p. ann. to commence from Lady Day 1718. but ~~unless you are pleas'd to interpret it otherwise~~ I shall construe it as y$^{r}$. intention that it shd commence Lady Day next, wherein if I am mistaken y$^{r}$. Lordship will signify y$^{r}$. Comands

to My Lord 12. Jan.$^{y}$ 1718/9 S. Marlbro.

Dear Sr This is a Copy of what I have wrote to your by Mr Marlbro. by whom I have sent the A. Bp of Canterbury's and other Letters for y$^{r}$ friends in Europe in 3. packets recommended to the care of Messrs Jennings & Bgg at Fort St. George. Adieu.

To Wooder Rogers Esq.
Gov.r at Providence

M.T. 13. Jan.y 2. 1708/9

Hond. Sir I rec.d M.r Beauchamp's Letter of the 11.th of Nov.r last week by Capt.n Locke and communicated the same to the Society so much of it as related to them, and they immediately ordered the packet of books a list of wch are inclosed to be sent to you, and the Rev.d M.r Boelm a worthy Member present at the Society has desired me to add the books in separate parcel to those sent by the Society, of all wch your acceptance is desired to distribute & lend among your people in the best manner you can think of for regulating their Morals. I have found out M.r Babe and had this day a conference with him, about going over as Chaplain but he declines going without being secure of the King's Pay being made up to 200 l. p.r an. I shall therefore endeavour to perswade some other person to undertake that Service who will be content with the King's Pay & what can be easily raised among the Inh.ts

I am heartily glad to hear of y.r welfare & to see in the Gazette so particular an Acco.t of the Loyalty of y.r Gov.rnm.t You must expect many difficulties & are happily endowed with patience & courage to surmount them. We have declared

War

English
War with Spain wch will furnish the Pirates with
Cause enough to employ them without destroying
their Countrymen, and the Kings last Proclamation
at them will I hope effectually enable you to break all their
combinations. You will hear of the K. of Swedens
death & other occurrences favourable
towards the peace of Europe notwithstanding
the bluster of Card. Alberoni has made in his
Master's name.

Daily preach good morality to their Parishs Masters & Neighbours.

God almighty keep you in his Holy Protection.
is earnestly wished by

D.r S.r Y.r most humble Serv.t

H. N.

If you have many Child.n & Young people with you by all means encourage the setting up Sch. for Y.m in one of the first Towns towards civilizing the Inh.ts & increasing the good Subjects of the Crown, and if we can will give

The Rev.d M.r Shute a worthy Fr.d of yours desires me particularly to send his humble Service to you to beg an Acco.t of the behaviour of John Cox a Nephew of his who went out a volunteer under your worthy of y.r favour we hope you will be kind to him.

To Rob.t Beauchamp Esq.r
Secry at Providence.

M.T. 13. Jan.y 1718/9.

D.r S.r I thank you for y.r favour of the 11.th of Nov.r and y.r Society were so pleased with the good use you made of the body you carryd out that they have ordered the Gravel herewith sent, to be presented to Gov.r Rogers. I have not seen M.r Bland, and when I do shall readily assist in any thing that may be for y.r Service. I beg leave to refer you to the Gov.r for the rest & am

D.r S.r Y.r most humble Serv.t

H. N.

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List of the Books in the ~~Booket~~ Packet
for Gov.r Rogers. sent by Capt.n Roche.

50. Christian Monitor
50. agst. Swearing
50. agst. Drunkeness
50. Pastoral Letter
50. Daily Devotion
50. agst. Lying
25. on the Ch.r day
25. Hist. of the Bible
25. Soldiers Monitor
25. Seamans Monitor

The following Books presented by Mr. Bochm

In a separate packet.

Arndts True Christianity
..... Garden of Paradise
Mr. Bochms Sermons.
Ludolfs Remains
Lictas Halenses 1. 2. & 3.d p.t bound
3. Do. 1. p.t stitch'd

To John Vaughan Esq.r
at Derllis Carmarthensh.

London House 13. Jan.y 1713.

Sr.

Mr. Lewis has acquainted the Comtee to whom yr. Lre of the 2.d Oct. last by Sr. J. Philipps was refer'd, that by that time he had made some progress in translating the Bp Lincolns Family Devotions, he understood that it is already Translated into

into Welch, and printed at Shrewsbury by Jno. Jones 1711. supposed to be translated by Lewis Evans who S.r John was of Opinion might be known to you. Now I am order'd to acquaint you that they would be glad to know w.t Number of 4.r Edition are left tho' they are printed on very bad paper, a Copy having been procur'd & laid before the Comee) and who has the ~~right~~ right of the Translation before any Resolution can be taken about reprinting it, concerning w.ch if you can get any Information you will please to acquify it.

D.r Lewis says the Translation is very well done only the Preface is omitted w.ch he has taken Care to Translate

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To W.m Good M.r of the Charity School at Chiswick

Middle Temple
20 Janry 1718/9.

S.r

Rec.d this day a Letter from the Rev.d W.m Lasfeld of Stroude near Rochester in Kent, by w.ch he earnestly desires you to get leave of the Trustees of the School where you are to accept of the Charge of a new School that is ready to be open'd in his parish, w.ch he promises you shall have 25.l to ~~to~~ ann for, together with House rent and two chald.rs of Coals free, with Liberty of taking pay Scholars, and your having a Wife to carry with you is so far from being an Objection by the Inhabitants

Inhabitants that they have agreed to raise your Salary from
26 to 25. to plead upon that Consideration. We hope you
may be able to disengage yourself from where you are
so as to be at Stroude by Lady Day to open the School by
w^ch time the Children's Cloathing will be ready, but this must de-
-pend on the goodness of your Friends at Chiswick in dispensing
with your leaving them so soon, w^ch I wish may be done by
procuring another to supply your place, before you come
away. I shd be glad if it may be in my power to assist
the Trustees in obtaining a suitable person to succeed
you, but I hope they or you will soon find out such a
one, of w^ch I shal be glad to hear, by a line from you &
I may be able to let Mr Darfet know w^t he
may depend on I am

Yr. very humble Serv.

Mr. Darfet says you
wont want Scholars
for yr. Mathematicks

P. S. To

To the Revd. W. Nicholson at Cumin near Sligo Ireland

Revd S^r. ~~what I have often~~ ~~Having often~~ ~~hitherto i in obedience to~~ the Comands of y^r Society, I
am now to congratulate you upon ~~the~~ the Success of the Last & the
opening of a New year ~~which~~ which ~~I pray God~~ may it please God
that you may see many ~~wanting~~ reclaiming ~~a wicked world~~. Our Accot. of Ch. Schools
published here ~~is~~ is a great augmentation from the Notic
Accot published at Dublin wherein yr. own exemplary
Charity has a great Share. I have y happiness of the
worthy

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worthy M^r. Spranger's acquaintance by whom I had thought to have sent this to save postage but being at last his Stay there will be no longer than he expects I dare not defer forwarding it to you. And refer him to you for further advices when it shall please God to send you to him. Your Son is lately come out of y^e Country to pass a few weeks in the same Chamber where he was last winter & where I have sometime the happiness of his conversation, and wish it were in my power to serve him more than I perceive has been of late occasion'd by his absence out of Company to which I am very much concern'd for the measure, would have indulg'd him in to God I had such a father as he has, I could fly to the Ends of the Earth to lie at his feet & to obey his Commands.

Lond. House. 27. Jan^r. 1718/9

To the Rev^d. M^r. Tho. Burnett
of Westsington Glo.

Rev^d. S^r. In answer to your Lett^r. of y^e 24. of last Month I have communicated the contents of it to the Society without mentioning your name; and they are not surpriz'd at y^e use some persons have made of the disaffection & dissatisfaction in & about London who contributed to the Support of some few Charity Schools, and if the Society themselves or those Schools were governed by y^e Sentiments of those disaffected persons there would have been indeed some reason to suspect that the Schools they supported would be made Nurseries of Faction & not of Popery. But then the Censurer is very unjust in charging the whole Body of the Managers of the Ch. Schools with the disaffection, or rather Madness of some inconsiderable Men who have been obliged by the Ar. Bp. of Cant. & respective admonitions to renounce their Principles, or quit their Society; they were Members of, and where the Masters or Mistresses themselves were found to be infected with the same Principles with those Madmen

Mad men for I think they deserve no better name, ~~after~~
~~that~~ care has been taken to induce their ~~Superior~~
Trustees of those Schools to discharge them, of which
the Society's Cir. Letter ~~2 years ago~~ 1710. took particular Notice.
~~and whereas~~ I ought to acq^t. you that there are about
40. of these Societys in & ab^t. London who go by y^e name
of Religion Societies, whose first Institution was very
Laudable as you will see more particularly in a little
Book formerly sent to you entitled a Letter from a Residing
Member of our Society at London to a Country Member ~~of the Country Society~~: And from
the time ~~it was observed~~ that any of the Members
of these Societys were discover'd a disaffection to the present happy
Establishm^t. ~~by the wisdom & authority of this Grace of~~
~~Great~~ they have been put under such Regulations
by the Authority & wisdom of this Grace of Great
as have put it out of their power to propagate
their disaffection; And a particular regard has been
all along had to the Ch. Schools under their influence
~~to prevent their~~ not only to oblige the respective Masters
& Mistresses to take the Oaths but to y^e Govern^t. but
to subscribe a Declaration in such terms as was
mentioned in the last Cir. Letter But God be
prais'd all these Instances, if they had not been timely discover'd
& their wicked Tendency prevented, bear no proportion to
the many hundreds of Schools in the Kingdom where
where Loyalty & good affection to the Kings Govern^t. are
every day inculcated, and it would be very ill husbandry
to ~~destroy~~ extirpate the Wheat in order to destroy the Tares which
are every day withering by the Shade of the Wheat.

As to Catechisms our Society's care has not been
less to discourage the use of any improper ~~ones~~ that are
than in other Instances. I can't learn that any one
is used under W. Dodwell's name, but one has been
used in some Schools s^d to be compos'd by W. Sprinly
a Nonjuror entitled a further instruction to those who
have

have learnd the Ch. Catechism. which the Society have never recommended, ~~nor is it that it is impossible a Novitiate may be the author of a pamphlet compiled~~ ~~of that kind, but~~ before the Catechism ~~Author of this way of~~ ~~publickly~~ from these ~~were observed in~~ the Catechism ~~learnd~~ ~~in the Clergy~~ ~~question,~~ ~~concerning the~~ ~~strength of~~ the power of absolution ~~beyond~~ ~~what is~~ ~~to be~~ acknowledged by the Church of England ~~to be vested in the clergy~~, and ~~in several~~ ~~places~~ where the type in some petitions it has been usually used for y^e sake of variety, it is now laid aside. ~~for this reason~~ the Society ~~have~~ ~~lately infamed of a popish Ch. School maintained~~ ~~by~~ ~~If it please to~~ If there be any thing else wherein I may be able to satisfy y^r. enquiries of this kind I shall ~~gladly~~ readily obey y^r. Commands being

Rev^d. S.

To the Lord Bp. of Sodor & Man

My Lord

Middle Temple 27. Jan. 1718/19

This presents your L^dp. with a Copy of the Society's C. L. the year past, and serves humbly to inform you that a packet of the Books hereafter mention'd were left at W. Lathey's ab^t. a fortnight since, directed to your Lord^p. The Society are now sending a small Cargoe to the Missionaries in the E. Indies of such Things as they have desir'd, and 3. young Gent. are lately arrived from Halle in Saxony to go over as assistants to the Missionaries in the same Ship: I am sorry I can't get acquaint y^r. Lordsh^p. of so much as one being sent

from

from hence of the produce of Oxford or Cambridge tho' the Society have carefully desird it ever since they were concernd as auxiliaries in this Mission. Those that seem best qualifyd for the service are not inclind to go so far from their Country & Friends, & to deny themselves of that comfortable way of living they have been us'd to here, to take up with w^ch the Indies affords. And indeed to this day the Society have not been possess'd of a Fund sufficient to maintain above 1/2 a Missionary with due Decency: They are therefore glad to assist those extraord^y men that are there, and pleas'd to see Prof. Franck at Hall sending more after them tho' he seems to have no more visible Fund than we have; The 3. Gent. abovementiond are in a manner sent abroad without Purse or Script, and yet they want nothing but are every where met with by favours conducted by the same kind Providence w^ch has so wonderfully supported the Colledge at Glaucha. among other Benefactions I take leave to p^t from N. Engl. for Professor Franck's designs, w^ch met these Gent. upon their Arrival here very seasonably: They are content with plain living and seem to have all things in London among them, one chest sufficing for their Store, and one Room to lodge in, & an Arabick or Syriack Book is of more value to them than a Suit of Cloaths would be above that they at present want. My Lord. I am afraid we shall never find these Qualities in the Education of Gr. Brit. but I dont dispair of them in the Style of Men, if there were a Fund to train up Missioneries under your L^dp^s Example & Direction. I beg y^r Lord^ps Blessing & remain

My Lord

Y^r. most obed^t humble Serv^t.

H. M

W. Good Schoolmr. at Pitsworth — Mid. Temple
28. Jan. 1718/9.

The enclos'd Letter from Mr. Darfeld we rec'd this day, which is sent to you, to shew you how earnestly he is to have a Mr. ~~for~~ forthwith.

I am therefore order'd by Mr. Seaman to desire you will immediately ~~signify to him~~ ~~what know~~ your Intentions about it ~~what answer you can possibly be ready to return before the~~ ~~post goes hence~~ that he may acquaint Mr. Darfeld thereof I am

Sr. Yr. very humble Servt.

Thomas Adams —

To the Revd. Mr. Jennings
at Great Grausden Hunts.
Revd. Sr.

Lond. House
29. Jan. 1718.

I rec'd yr. favour of the 6th Curt. and communicated the same to the Society, who were pleas'd to observe yr. care in discountenancing any dissented Masters or Mistresses in yr. Neighbourhood of Ch. Schools and they think it advisable ~~that~~ in the Instances you mention, that you should first take an occasion to discourse with them upon the necessity of such a qualification, as their being well affected to the Govermt. & whether they have taken the oaths &c. or are willing to take them &c.

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are not satisfy'd with their ~~Informers~~ Informers
And if you ~~find you have not been truly informed~~
that you would then apply to the Ecclesiastical
& Civil Governors of the Diocese where they
live to tender the Oaths to them, and to
proceed further against them as they shall
think fit. I need not tell you the use of this Power is a wary to secure
~~though these facts are offence~~
these persons in the interest of the Govermt. without
divulging a suspicion of their good affection, the less
occasion may be ~~way~~ thereby given to those who may
be too ready to lay hold of such handles to withdraw their charity from
~~undertake for~~
these Schools. But yet if they are flagrant in their disaffection they
must thank themselves if they put you upon measures
to get them discharg'd, rather than that the Schools
under their care should be ~~trained up in~~ poisoned with a disaffection to
that Govermt. that is to tender of cherishing all there
foundations so as to answer the End of their Institution,
the promoting true Piety to God, Loyalty to the King, and
Christian Charity to all Mankind. The manner thereof
of doing this is wholly left your prudence, and if you favour
me with a line of yr. sence therein at yr. leisure
you will oblige

Rev.d S.r yr. most humble Servt.
H. N.

T. D. Colenate

30. Jan. 1718/9

Rev.d S.

I was surpriz'd last night to under-
-stand by a Member of the Society that you
had not notice of the Anniversary Meeting, ~~the~~
~~last week of which at which I am the more concern'd~~
~~because it may~~ the occasion of which I immediately
enquir'd into, and find that my clerk in superscribing
the Letters of the Notification govern'd himself by a List
of Residence, ~~&c~~ which List, ~~happen'd by a~~ being made by
~~mistake of~~ the late Messenger ~~not to have~~
~~yr name in it and~~ before yr. return to ye Society
happen'd not to have yr. name in it, ~~and the New~~
~~Messenger~~ I hope there has been no other such
omission & heartily ask yr. pardon for this ~~may~~
~~stand in this~~, which has taught me for ye future
not to relie on the Messenger's List, ~~but to~~
~~subsist~~ on the like occasions. I hope you
have receiv'd the Society's Annual Packet.

& am Rev.d S. Yr.

To the Revd. Mr. Nich: Codrington
Mint. of Dodington

London House 31. Jan. 1718/9

Revd Sr

In answer to yours of the 20. of last Month, I have enquir'd whether there be any Company in London that will receive the 200. you mention for supporting a School at Luckington and allow above 3. ℔ Cent int. for it: and find there are none that w'd. give a satisfactory Security for principal & Interest, the publick Credit being at present so great that every Fund w'ch carries 4. ℔ Cent. Interest is now worth above 100. and those w'ch carry 5. ℔ Cent proportionably yield 118.. or more as the money'd men are pleas'd to engross them: but the Orphans Fund w'ch a few years since, was below 70. for 100. Stock is now worth 132. because it carrys 4. ℔ Cent punctually p'd. so that the best advice I can learn for you is to let it lye where it does till you can dispose of it in some good Mortgage or Purchase.

I am Revd Sr. yr. most humble Serv't.

To Mr. Good Mast. of the Ch: School
at Chiswick

Mid. Temple 2. Febry 1718/9.

I expected to have heard from you ere now in answ'r. to mine of the 28. Janry relating to your going to the School at Stroude in Kent: The Gent. there will, no doubt, be very uneasy to wait so long for your Resolutions, and I believe will not be perswaded to stay for you till Lady day. I am therefore again to request you will let my Mast. W. S. know the soonest you can leave Chiswick, if you are resolv'd upon going to Stroude, that he may order his affair accordingly.

I am Your very humble Serv't. Thomas Adams.

Pray endeavour to perfect the above

To the Hon^ble Gov^r. Hastings
at Fort S^t. David.

P. Townsend. Mid. Temp. 3. Feb. 17[illegible]

Hon^d S^r. The Society at London for Promoting Christian Knowledge have particularly ^ been ^ inform'd ^ of yr. charitable ^ inclinations to promote the Design of the Missionaries at Tranquebar and yr. readiness to encourage a Charity School at Fort S^t. David & Cuddalore which they esteem as a great obligation upon them, and though the School at Cuddalore has met with some discouragem^t in the beginning of it they hope by your prudence and the generous Protection & Encouragem^t which Gov^r. Collet readily gives to any thing of this Nature, that the first difficulties may be overcome & the Foundation so laid as by the Blessing of GOD may hereafter prove successfull for propagating Our Holy Religion and not

To Mr. Dixon Schoolmr.
at Bath

Middle Temple
3. Febry. 1718/9.

Dear Sr

I rec. your Favour of the 24. last month & a Lre from Mr. Hughes of the same date concerning Mr. Davis of whom the Character given will I believe be very acceptable to S. Humphrey Mackworth, but neither of you take notice of one Quality w. S. Hump. particularly desires he may have & that is some Skil in Psalmody. If I omitted to mention it in my Letter to you, it was my fault that you overlook'd it in your Answr. but now I am to request you would with your first Convenience let me know w. I shall say to S. H. on his head. I am to thank you for your kind offer of writing him fully in your Method before he goes to Bath, wherein he answers S. H.'s Expectation I believe he will want for no reasonable Encouragement.

All your Friends here of the Society are God be prais'd in good health and wish you the Continuance of the same blessing. They were not a little concerned t'other day to hear you had the Small Pox, but yr. making no mention of it, I suppose it was a false Report. I am

Yr. &c. most humble Servt.

I pray let me hear from you by the first Post, the delay of yr. last made me in pain for fear you were really laid up with the Small Pox, and was thinking to write to somebody else when I rec'd your last Favour

To the Hon.ble Mr. Hop d'Allone
at the Hague

Mid. Temp. 6. Feb. 17 18/9

You will be pleas'd to accept of the packet herewith sent as a present from the Society for promoting X.tian Knowledge concerning Ss. and the Miscarriage of a former Packet sent of this kind by the direcon of the Revd W. Sayer I shal take the Liberty of writing more fully by the post being with very great respect

Honoured S.r Yo.r most obed.t S.r

The Revd D.r Bray & Mr. Wales often mention you with great honour

To the Hon.ble
S.r John Fortescue Aland Knt.
at Serj.t Jun Flectstr.

M.T. 8. Feb.y 17 18/9

Hon.d Sir

W.m Chamb. of Pettypans desires me to convey ~~I have y.r honour to convey the~~ to y.r Hon.r ~~from Mr. Chamberlayne of Pettypans~~ y.e enclos'd papers with a Request y.t you would be pleas'd to return them by the penny Post or y.r Serv.t as soon as may be he having no other Copies of them.

I am S.r y.r most humble Serv.t
H. N.

To the Hon^ble
Gov^r. Boon
at Bombay

Mid. Temple
24. Feb^y. 1718/9

Hon^d S^r. As it may be in y^r.
power to promote in some degree the
same good design with the Protestant Miss=
=ionaries at Tranquebar are engaged in, I have taken
the liberty to beg y^r. acceptance of the
Book herewith sent giving an account
of their progress.

~~to your favour~~

W^m. Boon y^r. Brother will recommend the
Bearer Lieut. Taylor, and therefore I need
say the less only that he is extraordinarily recom=
=ended to me by Col. Kane Lieut. Gov^r. of Port=
=Mahon as a Man of Virtue & Sobriety, &
while he acquits himself as such I am per=
=swaded he will ~~always be~~ never want ~~else to become entitled him~~
~~to~~ your favour & patronage wherein you
will oblige S^r. Y^r. most humble Serv^t

H. N.

To the Rev^d. M^r. Cobbe
at Bombay

Mid. Templ. 14. Feb^y. 1718/9

Rev^d S^r. This prays y^r. acceptance of a packet
of Books from the Society and the book herewith sent
by Lieut. Taylor whom I beg leave to recommend to y^r. favour &
if the Ford with which makes any Stay. ~~In the meantime~~ I
am ~~Rev^d S^r.~~ Y^r. most humble Serv^t.

~~H. N.~~

My last was of the 4. Feb^y 1718 this 1717/8. but I have had none from you since 11 Oct. 1715. of w^ch I hope you

you will excuse the use I have made, in
~~you will see~~ pag. 176. of ye 3d. N. of the
~~Letter~~ accompanying this, that our Clergy
here may know that the E. Indies is not to
frightfull a part of the world to live in
as many imagine. I am
are apt to

Rev.d Sr.

W.m Watts is Minr.
at Great Giddington in
Hunts. & was well
abt. 3. weeks since.

P. S.
19. Feb.y I just now rec.d the enclosed
from the Rev.d W.m Watts in Huntingdonsh.

To Mr. Trigg
at Artleborough

Mid. Temple
18. Feb.y 1718/9

Sr. The publick is much obligd
to you for your great charity to the School
at Artleborough, and God has wonderfully
blessd yr. endeavours to make it usefull,
I hope your example will induce others ~~at~~
~~least to join their good offices~~ to promote to
excellent a work in other places. Mrs. Warren's
industry & ~~care~~ zeal has drawn upon her the
trouble of advising Others how to pursue her
method, and therefore Mrs. Good the Bearer
who is designd for a schoolmistress goes hence on purpose to spend 2. or 3.
weeks with her to learn her method. I doubt
not of yr. good offices to facilitate her intentions
and shall

and shall esteem any favour you shew her as an obligation on my self.

~~The~~ Be pleas'd to accept the book herewith sent ~~which~~ the perusal of wch. I question not will afford you some pleasure as it will inform you of the methods used in the Charity Schools by the Protestant Missionaries in the E. Indies, & other agreable Notices. I shall be very glad of ~~giving you~~ any occasion to serve you being

My humble Service to Wm. Warren; ~~the~~ the Revd. W. Shute sends by wm Good a small packet of books for her School of wch he desires her acceptance. ~~I was so~~.

I am Sr. Yr. most humble Servt.
H. N.

To the Revd. Mr. Samuel Blackwell
at Brampton near Harboro Leicestersh.

London House 21. Feb. 1718/9.

Reverend Sr

In Answ. to yr. favour of the 5. Curt. I have enquired for Copies of the Edition of the Select Psalms & Hymns &c. publish'd 1709. but they are not to be had but by meer accident at auctions. The Books you propose to present to the Society are on Subjects of that importance, & whenever you please to offer them you need not doubt of their being thankfully accepted. I only wish it may be in my power to make you a return suitable to the favour you intend, and remain

Sr Yr. most humble Servant.

Henry Newman.

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To W. Knight Agent for the
E. India Compa. at Deal

Middle Temple
24. Feb.y 1718/19.

The Bearers Messrs. Schultze, Dell, & Kittenmacher, are the 3. Persons (whom) I mention'd in my Letter of the 14. Curt. who are permitted by the Honble Court of Directors to embark on bord the Town and the Order for wch I gave to Capt. Worth. They have I think all ——— necessaries for their voyage except a few Tobacco Pipes 1/4. hund.d Brown Sugar and a few Nutmegs wch I could not tell where to stow well in their Baggage or they had been laid in also. I beg you will advise them where to buy these things for which they have Money in their hands, and what they may have occasion to spend at Deal for Lodging &c. if their stay should be longer than is expected yr. acceptance of their Bill on me for the same will oblige me

I beg your acceptance of the Book herewith sent wch gives some Acco. of the mission which these 3. Gentlemen are going to promote. You will find in Page 201. of it, a grateful Mention of your Civility to M. Ziegenbalg & his Lady about 3. year ago, which I was glad to tell the world of as the best return I could make for yr. kindness; I doubt not of equal Civility to these Gent. wch will always be thankfully acknowledged by

Sr

Yr. most humble Servant

I thank you for yr. kind Letr. of the 19. Instt.

Henry Newman

To Wm Jennings & }
John Legg —— } Esqrs
Members of the Hble Council
at Fort St George.

Middle Temple
24. Feb. 1708/9.

Gentlemen

Messrs Schultze, Del, & Kistenmacher go hence to morrow morning for Deal in order to embark on the Townsend by whom I have wrote largely to you, but they desire me to give them this to present you with at their arrival at Fort St George, when they have the happiness of kissing your hands.

I beg you will be pleas'd to present them to the Govern.r and to consider them as worthy Persons re-lying on your Patronage & good Offices, not in the least doubted by

Gentlemen

Yo. most obed.t humble
servant.

Henry Newman

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To Messrs Zeig. & Grundler

Mid. Temple
2. March. 1710/1

Revd. Sirs

This accompanys what I am ordered by the Society to say to you in their names, ~~in the Latin Language~~ as their unworthy Secry, dated the 27th. past. I be pleasd herewith also to accept a copy of what I wrote to you by the Vanvitton, together with an Invoice of what is sent to you by the Townsend, and Copies of the Receits which I have taken from the Mate of the Ship, for the Goods & Money; the originals of which Receits are sent to Messrs Jennings & Legg at Fort St. George, to whose care & good offices I have taken the liberty to recommend all your affairs, and also the worthy persons who go over in the Townsend viz. Messrs Schultze Dal, and Kistenmacher, to assist you in your excellent designs. I hope God will abundantly in them supply the want of the late Assistants from hence, ~~and to tell you the truth I that your time it does not yet appear that this Nation are to have the~~ since we are not yet like to be admitted to the Honour of ~~being so far~~ sending forth Labourers into that glorious Harvest you are so happily employd ~~not relievd~~ in. // I have in the Townsend sent you a large Packet from the College at Copenhagen, and also two from M. Boehm, who I doubt not has taken care fully to explain the use of the Box of Medicines as mentioned in the Society's Letter and why no more Money was remitted to you. The 60. pound article is a Present from the Society, and what relates to the Materials for your Printer and other artificers, which are also sent from them the Invoice it self will

will explain. I have sent 2. Sorts of Copper and Brass
& likewise of some other things
that you may hereafter when you write for more sig=
=nify which is most acceptable to you. The Oyl
by this Ship is Boyl'd so as to be ready prepar'd for printing
here, if 'tis not boyl'd enough you can further
prepare it in India: And you may be pleas'd here=
=after to signify whether this or the former Oyl
is be fittest for yr. use. // I have shew'd
a specimen of yr. paper to the Kings Stationer
here who readily offer'd to give me any advice
he could, to be transmitted to you for improving it,
but when he saw yr. Specimen he said those that
knew how to make that paper wanted no advice
from him, and that after a little more experience
they would make as good paper for all printing Uses
as could be desired. That the only objection he
could make to it, was that the matter of it
was not thoroughly pounded, a fault that by taking
all more time and Labour in preparing it, would
be mended.

I congratulate you on the accomplishment
of this usefull & necessary Manufacture from
which I hope the Mission may hereafter derive
many advantages.

May the fountain of all Good support you
under all your ardent Labours for the manifesting
his Glory to the Gentile world, and the abundant
enlargement of the Kingdom of Christ our
alone Saviour is the earnest prayer of

I have recommended your Revd & Dear Sr.

Yr.

To Madam Ziegenbalg

Mid. Temple
23. Febr. 1718/9

Madam I am very much obligd by your kind Letter of the 31. Decr. 1717. and thank you for it, as well as for all the pleasure I had in waiting on you & your excellt Spouse when in Engld a Happiness I can hardly wish for in Europe again, because it cannot consist with the happy progress of the Mission under Mr. Ziegenbalg's direction, but I rather wish to make you a visit in India, where I perswade my self that from the good conversation you both have among the Gentiles, and are daily scarce forming in the now abound with, I should not think my self out of Europe.

'Tis with great pleasure I look back upon Mr. Ziegenbalg's first Letters to his friends in England & see what difficulties he there describes wth to humane appearance were thought insurmountable but Good Providence has not only dispell'd them, and but often made those very difficulties the occasion of introducing the felicity the Mission he now enjoys, among which I can't help thinking give me leave to say the occurrences melancholy which oblig'd him to return to Europe was a happy to carry you to India one of the least conducted as they furnish'd him with an opportunity to bring a Lady of yt. virtue to India.

I am glad to hear you are at length so well reconcil'd to the Climate, and that it has pleas'd God not only to bless you with a Son who I hope will live to be a solid comfort to his parents and a Rich Blessing to the Church of Christ which he is to eminently adorn.

~~I am afraid that posterity will in a few generations~~ see. Such is the degeneracy of Europe through the prevalence of luxury & Sensuality that if it pleases God to continue his Blessing on the Labours of the Missionaries, posterity will in all likelihood see ~~the~~ Heathen congregations in the compass of a few ~~generations~~ years ~~shall~~ from better Christians among the Heathen in India than can now be found in Christendom ~~it self~~.

There are several presages of this, which afford but an ~~melancholy~~ uncomfortable prospect to us in Europe, but must be very agreable to those who live in India, and more to those who are the Instruments of Providence in bringing about so ~~remarkable~~ glorious a Change.

I have made yr. compliments to all ye good Gent. & Ladys mentioned in yr. Letter, who severally return their kind service to you. ~~but~~ My Lady Phillipps has given me the pleasure of sending her acknowledgmt under her own hand enclosed.

Pray make my most humble Service acceptable to Madam Grundler, and the oftener you are pleased to Honour me with an Account of your welfare the more you will engage me to acknowledge my self

Madam yr. most obliged humble Servt. H. N.

Mess.rs Jennings & Legg at Fort St George

Mid. Temple 4. March 1718/9

Dear Gentlemen

For fear the Buster of the Townsend should be dispatch'd to day, I herewith send the Invoice of w.ch goes by her for the Missionaries & their Friends at Fort St. George, together w.th the original receipts for the 22 parcels and the Box & Cash No. 23. all'd. I have taken the Liberty to recomend to your Care, being well assured of yo.r Inclinations to do this and a thousand other good offices for the service of the Mission, for w.ch may you amply be rewarded in this, & eternally in the next world is the sincere wish of

Dear Sr.

yo.r most oblig'd humble Serv.t

To W. Hughes at Kilmersdon

Mid. Temple 12. March 1718/9.

Sr.

I am directed by my Mas. m.r S. to desire you to be pleased to signify to him how far your Nephew W. Hughes Xavier is capable and whether he understands Malabar well enough of singing, that being a Qualification for a Miss.y for Fort St. George; as also what health; for Mr Hump. Mackworth, particularly inquire upon & his request you will do this the first opportunity, Mr Hump. being very impatient, and may probably look out another way if he is not fully satisfied in this affair. I am

Sr yo.r most humble Serv.t

Thomas Adams.

To Mr. Good Schoolmr.
at Chiswick ——

Middle Temple
20. March 1718/9.

Sr

I was last night at Billingsgate to inquire wch way you may best go to Stroud. W. Green the Rochester Wagoner at the Dark house in Darkhouse Lane Billingsgate goes thro Stroud, and will take care of you and your Goods, wch must be brought to Billingsgate by a little Boat or Wherry next Thursday Evening by 6. or 7. Clock where they will be put into a Gravesend Boat & go away that night, and you & Mr. Good must go with them; When you arrive at Gravesend wch will be Friday Morning W. Green will put in his Waggon, & if there is room you may go in it directly to Stroud, wch is about 7. Miles, if the Waggon is full of Goods, he will take care to get places for you in a large Coach, wch goes from thence every day to Stroud The charge of your Passage from to Gravesend will be 12d. a peice and from Gravesend in the Waggon to Stroude 12d. a peice more but if you go in the Coach 1/6d. a peice. There can be no estimate made of the charge of your goods, a Bed will be about 3 or 4s. full. and the rest of your Goods in proportion as other people pay, but they advise you to bring no Chairs, they being very cumbersome, & very liable to be broke.

You are oblig'd to take this method it going because an embargoe is laid upon all Hoys and Vessels going below Gravesend.

My master sends you his Service & if I knew where & when to meet you at yr. coming to London, he will readily permit me to wait on you to assist you in going the best way in case the embargoe should not be off by that time.

My Master will write to morrow Even: to Mr. Parfect about yr. intentions to set out next week. I am.

To John Vaughan Esq.
at Derlis near Carmarthen

London 31. March 1719.

In obedience to yours of the 16. Curt. I sent yr. Lre of 24. Jan. accompany'd with a petition from the Inhabitants of the Neighbourhood of Llanlooch Chapel, to Sr. John Philipps and soon after rec'd the enclosed answ.

Since w.ch I have again conferd with Mr. Chamberlayne about the Contents of the said Letter and petition, and presuming that Llanlooch Chapel is a Chapel of Ease in a parish where the mother Church only has been augmented (for the petition does not plainly set that forth) that Chapel if yt. be the case is capable of being augmented in its income as well as the mother Church, and as its present Income is under 10. £ and. it is entituled to an augmentacon of 200. without a premium, and after 4. yrs. to a 2d. Augmentacon of 200. upon the paym.t of a premium of 200. a privi-ledge peculiar to the Livings under 10. £ ann. But there Mr. Chamberlayne says you cannot have the Benefit of the first augmentacon for Llanlooch til it falls to your share by lott, for it seems all the Livings in England reported to be under 10. £ ann. (of wch Mr. Chamberlayne assures me Llanlooch Chapel is one) are put into a Glass, out of w.ch the Governours once a year after Michas draw so many Tickets of under 10. £ an. Livings as they have Money to augment, and as I remember ⅓ of their Revenues are appropriated to these Augmentacons, and of these poor Livings 21. were augmented last year without premium, but if the Inhab.ts are desirous to have an augmentacon without staying for their chance according to this Method w.ch the Gov.rs have agreed on as most impartial, they cannot have that favour without advancing the 200. which will raise the Living to such a value as to shut it out of the Benefit of a chance when it comes, because it will then be above 10. £ ann.

Mr. Chamberlayne therefore thinks it most advisable that you should wait for your first augmentacon by lott, and then entitule yr. self to a further augmentacon by premium. I am

Yr. Hble. most humb. Servt.

To W. Sheate — M.T. 3. April. 1719.

S.

~~My Clerk telling me that The Society being informed that you had~~ I am order'd to acq.t you ~~the~~ ~~reputation of~~ that the Society have agreed to spare y.e charge of printing a Sheet acco.t of Schools for this Year, ~~that which it was thought proper to advise you of the~~ ~~next~~ ere'ted If there be any ~~new~~ Charity Schools ~~erected or erecting~~ since last Year within the Bills of Mortality ~~I shall~~ ~~be glad~~ ~~be glad to be informed~~ oblige me to ~~hear~~ let me know of them at your leisure. I am S.r

To the Rev.d W. Huysh of Clistlydon in Devon. — London House. March. 31. 1719.

Rev.d S.r

I am to thank you and your Rev.d Brethren ~~for the~~ in the name of the Society for their respect ~~they~~ signify'd in y.r Letter of the 9.th of last month: The Society always give God the Glory of that ~~good~~ blessing which ~~any Endeavours~~ accrews to the ~~public~~ through their means, and ~~owe~~ esteem you & ~~mean~~ y.r Brethren as their fellow Labourers in promoting the same ~~good~~ Holy Religion which ~~is~~ the ~~object of all~~ ~~constant Labours~~ end of all their ~~Consultations~~ Debates. For which reason you have a right to know the result of ~~their Consultations~~ what ~~before~~ their ~~weekly~~ consultations, and I wish I could represent them ~~proceedings to you~~ in such a compass as might not exceed the bounds of a Letter, or y.r patience to peruse. ~~To do this effectually I thought~~ Be pleas'd therefore to desire those worthy Gent. of y.r Society to accept of an Abstract of the Report made at the last Anniversary Meeting of our Society after they had ~~written them~~ ~~and then~~ put together. The principal part of this

this Report ~~is taken up & consists in what relates to that Branch of Designs of the Society~~ consists in what relates to the Designs of the Society in ~~Ireland~~ the Indies, which ~~I have~~ it is therefore ~~transmitted~~ sent to you verbatim, but previous to ~~this~~ Report there ~~was~~ is ~~transmitted~~ another concerning that branch of their Designs ~~in Great Brit. & Ireland~~ which ~~continually employs their attention~~ recents the encouragm.t of Ch. Schools & promoting X.tian knowledge in Gr. Brit. & Ireland, as to which give me leave to present you only with an Extract of the Abstract ~~laid before~~ reported to them because ~~you may hereafter see~~ the particulars ~~are to be found in print~~ ~~by the Society, viz. such as~~

N.B. Previous to this Abstract there was

That there ~~was~~ erected reported ~~last year~~ to ye Society an accot. of 48. Schools, erected last year in Great Brit. for ye instructing 665. Boys & 80. Girls, several of wch. are cloathed.

41. Schools in Ireland for ye instructing 709. Boys & 145. Girls in several of which Schools by order of their Founders, half the Children are to be of ye Papists or Dissenters, if to be found in ye neighbourhood

Legacies & Gifts to several Ch. Sch.s amount to. £ 1385 " 10 " —

Beside an Annuity in reversion left by Richd. Uphill Esqr. after ye death of his wife to the Grey Coat Hospital in Westmr. } 150. l. p. an

Collections made last year towards the support of several Ch. Schools in & abt. London &c.a at Sermons preach'd by several of the Rt. Revd. the Bps & others of the Revd. Clergy amount to upwards of } 4000. l.

2. Resid.g Members Admitted last year. 14.
3. Corresp.d. Members chose in ye same time. 16.
1. Casual Benefaction to ye Designs of the Society in Gr. Brit & Ireland } 102 " 2 " 8.

N.B. This Extract was inserted at the End of the Report of the Malabar Mission sent to Exeter.

640. Books & Papers presented to y Society during last year.
14250. Books & Papers bought & printed by order of the Society.

480. Packets sent to Reading & Corresponding members.

There are ~~the Lists~~ of the Heads ~~of~~ and the Sum of each which the ~~first~~ Report on their proceedings in Europe consisted of. ~~the rest you I beg leave to refer you to~~

~~I had sent this sooner if I could have got it franck~~ This has waited sometime to go franck I beg it may now be acceptable with an assurance that I am with great respect Yr. Society's & y. Yr. most humble Servt

H. N.

As to ~~that~~ recommending to the Society's Correspondents ~~them~~ their uniting in ~~them~~ Religious Combination for promoting true Piety, the Society as you observe have freely imparted their thoughts on that head to them and they are glad to find that several of their worthy Correspondts are so much convinced of the usefulness of such associations especially among the Rev. Clergy, that they are informed ~~of~~ of several of them who have entered themselves into such a fraternity as yours: I may ~~I pray~~ GOD direct them all to ~~promote~~ his Glory, for extinguishing the Animosities and uncharitable Dissensions that have too much prevail'd of late, and make them instrumt in his hand of Cementing this Divided Nation ~~into Sentiments of Love to their King & Country~~ by mutual Love & charity. ~~to one another~~

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To Daniel Dolins Esq^r
at Hackney.

Middle Temple
21. April 1719.

S^r

A Person who desires to be unknown upon some late proceedings in the Society, has thought that a proposal of the kind herewith sent might deserve their Contideracon, but he desires it may be first submitted to your Correction & that you would be pleas'd, if you approve of it to recomend it to them with such alteracons as you shal think proper, and if you should not attend the Society in person, that you w^d. signify your Thoughts thereof in a Letter to the Chairman or me to introduce it without taking any Notice of its being conveyed to you thro' the hands of

S^r
Y^r
Hu^e
&c.

To My Lord A. B^p of Cant.

May^t please y^r. Grace

23. April. 1719.

~~May~~ the Comissioners for relieving poor Proselytes have heard the Petition of John Thiers a Jewish Convert read to them, & thereupon order'd the Minute at y^e bottom of it to be given in answer to the poor Man, but I was at y^e same time directed humbly to acquaint y^r. Grace with his Case ~~that if~~ in hopes that y^r. goodness would prevail with the

the King to afford him ~~and~~ a Pension or that ye would be pleas'd to think of some other means to relieve him: he is at present laid up with the Gout in a helpless condition.

I am My D.

To the Revd. Mr. John Lorman
Rector of Madresfield. Worcestersh
Revd Sr

London House
5. May 1719.

I have for 2. or 3. posts past called upon myself to answr. yr. favour of the 10. of last month but when I took my Pen in my hand I remembred that my good Friend Mr. Thute who rec.d your Bille of Twenty pounds, and Mr. Humphrys the Secry of the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts, would certainly — informed you of it's being rec.d & the Thanks of the Society for it.

Upon receiving yours of the 1. Curt. by the last post I have reproach'd my Friend Mr. Thute with his Silence, and he begs you and me to excuse him on acco.t of Lameness in his right hand, and thereupon shewd me a Recait from the Deputy Treasr of the Society a Copie of wch. is herewith Sent.

I hope you will accept this as an Excuse for my not putting you to the charge of a letter, besids I expected those two Gent. abovementioned would have done

I rec.d also yr. Favour of the 21. March by wch I am glad to find it was possible for the Society's packett to find the way to you; your directions for conveying &c hereafter shall be observ'd by

Revd Sr yrs. most humb. Servt.

Rec.d 17. April 1719. a Recepisse of twenty pound from a person unknown sanctioned by the Revd Mr. Lorman of Madresfield to Mr. Newman, and separated by Mr. Thute. Mr. Thute. for the Hon. Revd Mr. Humphreys Secretary for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts at his house in Jermyn Street

To John Vaughan Esq.
at Derlis near Carmarthen

S.

In answer to yours of the 27. of Janry last — concerning an Impression of the Bp. of Lincolns Family Devotion in Welch. I am now to acquaint you that the Society have agreed to bear the Expence of printing 2000. Copies whenever they can have leave from W. Lewis Evans, the Proprietor of the Translation formerly printed at Shrewsbury to make use of that Edition, so far as it is found compleat. The Preface in the English Edition being omitted in that Translation, the Revd. D. Lewis has at the Desire of the Society translated that also into Welch.

I am likewise to inform you that when the Copys is sent you or any of yor Friends, who shall desire a Number beyond wt the Society have agreed to print, may be accommodated therewith by the Printer upon signifying your Direction to

S.

To Mr. Vaughan

Mid. Temple.
~~London Wall~~. 7. May. 1719.

S.r

Yr several Letters concerning publishing a translation of the Bp of Lincolns Family Devotion in Welch have been considered by ye Society and they have ~~refused~~ agreed to be at the charge of printing 2000. Copies, (add: if good) whenever they can have

leave

leave from the Proprietor of the Translation by Mr
Evans ~~formerly~~ printed at Shrewsbury 1711 to make use
of that Edition so far as it is compleat for their pur=
=pose, for the Preface ~~being~~ omitted in it, they have taken
care to get that from ~~another Land~~ the Revd Dr
Lewis. ~~and is to say who has prepared it~~ And when
the Press is set you and your friends will be welcome
to have as many more Copies wrought off as shall be
desired at the charge only of Paper & working off, which
~~will~~ I believe will reduce them to ~~nothing~~ less than 6 10.
ff Lund. on a good Paper & Print.

The Society ~~leave it to yr. prudence to obtain~~ being
informed that you was the occasion of Mr. Evans's Trans=
=lation they doubt not of yr. knowing the Proprietor &
how to obtain a proper leave for using it on this
or the like future occasion. ~~It is left to your~~
~~prudence to use the means you shall think proper~~
~~for recommending it to charitable Persons to take~~
this opportunity of getting a number of them wrought off while
they can be had cheap, ~~wrought off~~ to distribute
among the Poor, beside ~~what the Society shall~~
~~print for that use.~~ they ~~desired~~ chose
~~rather~~ to take the charge of such an Impression
upon themselves rather than to burthen their Corresponding
Members in Wales with it ~~so soon after the Edition of~~
~~the Bible unless any of them of their own accord~~
~~shall~~ who have so many other occasions for their
Charity, but it is left to your prudence to use the means
you shall think proper for recommending it to charitable
Persons to take this opportunity of getting a number of
them wrought off while they can be had cheap, to
distribute among the poor, beside what the Society
print for that use. I am &c.

Before sealing I receiv'd yours of the 23d last month, which I shall communicate to
Mr. Chamberlayne, and both of us will be glad to inform you of a good chance for
Llandaff Chappel when it happens.

To the Revd. Mr Sam: Blackwell
Rect. of Brampton
Revd Sr

London House 7. May 1719.

I forbore acquainting you of the recpt. of your kind present to the Society of

50. Copies of several Methods of reading the H. Scriptures in private
50. Brief Scheme of Parochial Government

till I could inform you of the result of their Consideration of them - according to their Rules.

I am now by order of the Society to end you their particular Thanks for the present, and to desire you would signify who has the Property of the Copies, and if they are in yourself whether you wd. be pleasd to allow them to print any Number they shall desire for the Charge of Paper and printing to disperse among their Correspondents. If the property bein some - Bookseller or other Person, they may consider that the - Society's Dispersing them gratis among the poor will be so far from being any Prejudice to their Interest in the Copy y. it will very much increase the demand of it among the rich, as has been found in several Instances of the like kind.

I have not conferd with Mr. Taylor at Readship in Later Noster Row, till I could have yr. Directions herein.

I thank you particularly for my own Satisfaction in the pleasure of perusing these Tracts, and if you seem to have wrote them in a prior view, I hope God's Glory will be advancd in the greater publication of them.

I am Revd Sr Yr. most humble Servt

To the Rev.d Mr. Fra. Fox
Vicar of Lotherne

Middle Temple
9. May 1709.

Rev.d Sr

Rec.d your letter of the 13. of last Month. in due time and communicated it to the Society who were very much surprized at the Contents of it. and a Gent. present undertook to enquire of my D.r. Bor: d. truth of yt. was asked without making use of the Society's or your name, w.ch being done the D.r expressed a great surprize at so groundless a report and declared that it was so far from being true that he gave no charge at the assizes you mention, yt being judge on the Crown side. That in private Conversation he has given his opinion concerning the Ch. Society the reverse of w.ch was reported; & w.ch I am ordered to acquaint you

To the Rev.d S.r Geo. Wheler
at Durham.

Mid. Temple. 19. May. 1709.

At the desire of M.r Hoare I send you the above Copy of a clause ~~agreed upon~~ for leaving a Legacy to the Society, and thank you for yo.r charitable intentions towards them. The Society have now under consideration a Proposal for doubling the Number of books annually dispersed by ym. by sending ~~the Bibles N. Testam.ts~~ all such little medical tracts as have been dispers'd by them at half Price and Bibles N. Testam.ts ~~and~~ Commonpray.r books & Expositions on the H. Scripture & Ch. Catech.m at

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at the price in Lines, the Society being to be at the charge of binding them in Calf. If this Proposal be approved of as they seem inclin'd to, it being now under the consideration of their Standing Committee, then the method of sending books annually to their Correspondents will be laid aside, and parcels will be sent occasionally only to all such Members as shall desire them according to a Catalogue that will be sent in, with the prices of each book. A Circular Letter, acquainting them therewith with this new Regulation

The Revd. Dr. Sherlock preaches next Thursday at the anniversary meeting of the Ch. Schools here in & about London. I am

Revd. Sr. Yr. most humble Servt.

H. N.

To the Revd. Mr. Watts
at Great Gidding —

Middle Temple
23. May 1719.

Revd. & Dear Sr.

I rec't. to your favour of the 21st. ——— The messenger has sent your Locket by James Lear the Bundle Carrier from the Castle in Smithfield last Thursday morn. ——— Dr. Sherlock preach'd last Thursday from 2. Cor: 9th & 12th. to a very good Appearance at St. Sepulchres. The Letter from a Reviewer to a Correspond. Memb. is out of Print, and is now reviving in order to a New Impression.

All the Instances you can communicate of work added to the Childrens Learning will be very acceptable to the Society.

I shall acquaint them with your meekness: Be assured the God you serve is able to reward your Zeal in his Service, and sooner or later will do it. Let meekness and Discretion shine in all your Deportment, be content to make short Sermons full of Instruction adapted to a plain Audience, and I dare say you will soon have the re=-fusal of a good Benefice, on w^ch I shall be glad to congratulate you being

Dear S^r

Y^r most humble Serv^t

By Discretion above I mean a discreet Reservedness in Conversation, the want of w^ch single Quality has ere now ruin'd a Man of parts and Life

Verbum sapienti:

Now I am upon Notes give me Leave to add to Short Sermons the Faculty of writing short Letters w^ch I have been long aspiring to, and endeavour to make amends for want of Brevity, by writing seldomer to my Friends, but this last Expedient, I hope you will never have occasion to use with H. N.

To S^r Geo. Cook
at Harefeild

Mid. Temple
23. May. 1719.

S^r

~~The Revd~~ D^r Waugh one of y^e Kings Chaplains preaches the Ch. Sermon ~~to day~~ at the D. of Chandos's New Church at Whitchurch to morrow being y^e 31^st Inst^t where M^r Hales Clerk of y^e Comitt. M^r Chamberlayne ~~and~~ M^r Hastings hopes to meet you: And if My Lady Cook pleases to be there, M^r Hales will carry his Lady thither also

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also who will be the more welcome to both the Entertainers of this occasion because they have been very Solicitous for having this Annual Sermon kept up.

I shall be glad of the honour of a line from you to know whether my Bro. & I may be so happy as to meet you & assure you that I am

S.r Yr. most obliged humble
Serv.t H. N.

To the Rev.d
M.r Prof. Franck
at Hall in Germany

Mid. Temple
O.S
28. May, 1719.

Rev.d and most Hon.d Sir.

'Tis with great pleasure that at any time I write the name of the Illustrious Professor Franck, renowned for doing good not in the common Road of Virtue that is sufficient to attract the respect of all Men, but a Beneficence that animates to Enterprizes not Escaped Cæsar & Alexander never carry'd their Arms so far, nor with greater success than Prof. Franck has done his Nobler Enterprizes of the Heathen Nature for cultivating the Minds of Christians as well as Christians in the knowledge & Love of the Supreme Being in all his Adorable Perfections. While I write this, casting my Eye on a Map

It is too

a Map of the World, I could not help observing that Germany is near the Centre of all the Extreams of the known Habitable parts of our Globe, and consequently by her Situation the fittest to invigorate the Nations with the most important Learning and other Arts. And as Hall is near the Centre of Germany Her Situation with the vast accession of Improvements which Providence has graciously bestowed upon her does not less adapt her to be the principal mobile of all Intelligence for the improvement of Mankind.

When I waited on Messrs Schultz, Del, & Kistenmacher & the Archbp of Canterbury His Grace was pleas'd to make a Reflection calculated to this purpose which I thought very just, That he look'd on the Prof. Franck's Seminary at Hall as a Miracle of Providence design'd by God for a general Blessing to Mankind by the labours of the many excellent persons educated there & sent to all parts of the World. Every one that reads the continual & wonderful Success of y Seminary must Progress concurr in this Great Man's Sentiments.

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58 Easterly winds ~~last~~ tis supposed is the reason that 4. or 5. Ships daily expected are not arrivd; I shall with pleasure forward any packets for ~~W. Prussia~~ Germany which shall come to my hands in W. Boelm's

Absence.

I am glad W. Boelm can so far be at liberty from his attendance at ~~Court~~ the King's ~~Court~~ Chappel as once more to visit his friends in Germany, and that by so good a hand

I can assure you of my most gratefull acknowledgm.ts for the ~~present of a~~ present Clavichor=dium wch ~~he tells me~~ you have been pleasd to make me, I shall always esteem it the more for the sake of the excellent Person from whom I have recd it. ~~does we the honour confer this favour upon~~

~~me.~~

yr. Letter of March last to D.r Mather is forwarded to New England, and if that ~~distant~~ remote Country can be subservient to your Designs I shall ~~the always~~ rejoyce in their ~~to doing~~ being so as ~~I am~~ it is the ~~Country~~ Province where ~~it pleased~~ God ~~my father~~ my first breath.

Copy in original letters etc.

Let me ever have a Share in yr. prayers to the most high God that I may be ~~at last~~ ~~thought worthy to be~~ numberd among ~~the~~ his faithfull Servts tho' as the meanest of them all, and be assured y.t I am ~~most~~ ever & most devoted honoured &c. humble Servt

yr. most obed.t humble Servt

H. N.

To the Rev. Mr. Tho. Seaton
at y^e E. of Nottingham's
in Bloomsbury Square.

Mid: Temple
23. June. 1719.

Rev. S^r W. Flute our Treasurer rec^d
y^r. favour of the 25. May, with your 2. little Tracts
concerning the Divinity of our Saviour, but so many of the
Society were out of Town that I could not signify
their pleasure to them has not been a meeting since
till lately when I was order'd to give you the thanks of y^e
Society for your kind intention of presenting them
with some Copies of them, at y^r same time be
assured that I am

S^r y^r.

1^s. Gen^ll Letter

Rec^d S^r.

The Society for Prom. Christian knowledge
being informed of your Zeal in what tends to y^e Service of
Piety & Charity & Christian Religion have unanimously chosen you a
Member
Corresponding
profiting their Designs by such Method as the Laws of the
Land & Canon of as to the Nature & Extent
the Church re- of the Designs of the Society, give me leave
=commend, & as to acquaint you that they are a Voluntary
Christian prudence ever since 1698.
shall direct. Body of Men voluntarily associated to do all
the good they can for promoting true
Religion, but not with any Design to put you to a greater
Expence than you are now at, but to have it in
your power to convey their Books and Tracts
among those who are not able to buy them: for

60.

Success of the Design

Success of these designs has been so far
afford them the pleasure of seeing almost
dated that almost every Corner of the Kingdom
provided with one or more Instances
Harvest to Posterity of a Generation of Men fearing
God & Loving Religion,

the Success of this Branch of their Design is owing
to the vigilance & application of their Corresponding Members
& the other Branch of their Design
good Books will always stand in need of such Encouragement
has been attended with such Success
which there are poor People desirous of
gives them reason to hope God for putting it into their
Poor to be instrumental in promoting this
Glory by this means under the both which Examples
of their Designs have been accompanied
with a blessing of God on their Endeavours
to Ch. Schools almost every Corner of the King-
-dom is provided with one or more Instances
promising a blessed Harvest to Posterity of a
Generation of Men fearing God & Loving Religion
them & their Corresponding Members
continual occasion of thankfulness to God,
for putting it into their hearts to excite their
good offices for the promoting for accomplishing
these good Ends, the Instructing of the Ignorant
the Training up of Youth who were destitute of
God to a knowledge of their Duty to God & Man.
& the instructing of the Poor reading the means
of Christian Knowledge more easily attainable by
instructing the Adult Poor, who are able to read.

Before the Design

Before the Design was set on foot there was
a Spirit of Infidelity & Irreligion
Vice & Immorality
Ignorance & Superstition
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To the Rev.d M. Fox
at Lotterne Wiltsh.

London House 6. Aug.t 1719.

Reverend Sr.

The Society being informed of the use that has been made of your excellent Book ent. The Duty of publick Worship proved and that if it were well done it might be of Service to the Chas Schools to have the Subjects there of digested into some such Method as that herewith sent to supply the place of those jejune performances of the Nat.s w.ch they are constrain'd to make use of for want of better Compositions on Subjects of greater Importance than what they sometimes choose for publick Examinacon. I am order'd to desire you w.d be pleas'd to revise this attempt of the Schoolmd. at Somerton, and to give your Opinion of it to the Society, and 4.t if you think it not fit for the Service of the Society to recomend to their Correspondents, that you would at your Leisure prepare Exercises by way of Question & Answ.d proper to be us'd in the Charity Schools on these and other Subjects as you shall think fit.

This is a thing that has been long wished for by the Society, & it will be some satisfacon to them to know that you shall undertake it.

I herewith send you a plan of w.t has been agreed upon by the Society as a Regulacon of their future Packets, of w.ch you will be soon advertis'd in Form in their next C. L. and in the mean time assure you that I am

Dear Sr. Your most humble Serv.t

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To the Rev.d Mr. Larfech
at Stroud Kent.

Middle Temple 11. Aug.t 1719.

Reverend Sr.

I have answerd your Favours of the 3.d & 22. June last to Mr. Thuke and myself, and hope you have rec.d a Packet of the Books you desird in your last long since.

Sr. Your Industry and prudent Applicacon in the places where you have liv'd, have very justly recomended you to the remembrance of yor. Friends for a more profitable Station when Opportunity presents. I have therefore to propose to you what now is submitted to your Thoughts. The Gov.r of Providence writes very earnestly for a chaplain to be sent to him and his Garrison, who by a proper ~~Applicacon~~ recomendacon may be entituled to 6.s 8.d ⅌ Diem from the King, which as the Gov.r writes may very possibly be made up to 200 ℔ ann. by the Inhabitants, and nothing he says shall be wanting on his part to make a worthy Divine Easie. Now you need not hastily resolve upon a Matter of this importance to you and your Family, if you should be disposed to accept of it, after you have established

your

your Charity School, and set on foot your other Projects for the Welfare of your Neighbours, I am satisfy'd you will not want the good offices of any of our Society to fa:cilitate your being translated to this Station, but I shd be glad in the mean time to know your Inclinacon. Your Wife and Childr. may be left behind for 6. or 8 Months, while you go before to prepare for their reception: And as I said before you need not heartily resolve by fearing any body's supplanting you in this place so as to be at the trouble of coming to Town on purpose to secure yourself of it, perhaps it may be best to keep it a secret for some time to yourself or at most to tell only your Wife of it, till you have signify'd your Inclinacon, and some pre:liminaries are settled with those who are to serve you on this occasion—

Providence is one of the Bahama Islands on the Coast of Caroline. I pray God direct you & am

Dear Sr Yo. most humble Servt.

My Service to Mr. Good and his Wife. How do they go on for the working part?

To the Revd. Mr. Sam: Adams 64
Minr. of Alvescott Oxfordsh.

Middle Temple
31. Augt. 1719.

Revd. Sr.

I recd. your very kind Letter of the 7. Curt. in due time and acquainted the Society with the Contents of it, who are very thankful to you for yr. good offices and to your friend for his charitable Intentions.

I have no Directn to propose any alteracon in the disposition he intends to make of his charity, what God shall put into his heart to do, will be an Effect of his unerring Providence, that wisely adapts all Events for executing his own gracious Purposes: and both the Ends proposed are so much for his Glory, that it is not easie to name Others of greater Importance.

I should have signify'd thus much to you ere now, but that I have been daily in Expectacon of sending you at the same time the Circular Letter for this year which is now in the Press and will not I hope be long before you receive it with further Advices from

Revd. Sr.

Yr. most obliged
humble Servt.

To Mr Joseph Kayfoot
Schoolmr at Boston Lincolnsh.

Middle Temple
8. Sept. 1719.

Sr

You will see by the Copy of Mr Strong's Letter herewith sent what he says in relation to the School there at Yeovil, to which my Mast. Mr Newman recomended you, upon consulting your Wife about it before she left London, and he being not at home, I write to you this Post that no time may be lost, and request you would immediately send your answer to Mr Newman about it, least another should get the School before your Resolution come to hand. I am

Sr your most humble Serv.
Thomas Adams.

Sent with this a Copy of Mr Strong's Letter of 5. Sept.

To Sr Tho: Luther

Middle Temple
24. Sept. 1719.

Dear Sr Thomas

Yo. Lre of the 11. Instt. N.S. give me and several of your hearty well wishers here a great deal of pleasure to understand that your Travels had been so agreeable to you, and that it had pleas'd God to favour you with such a measure of health in a tickly Season

Good Mr. Philipps and his two Sons went into

into Germany as far as Leipsick via Hanover and then return'd to England & came in their Coach from Harwich to London thro' Norfolk they were all seiz'd with the fever of the Country & detain'd at Norwich about Six weeks, but are now so far recover'd as to be expected in London this week

Good M^r. Dolins has had the Small Pox in the hottest of our Sum^r. Season and yet it pleas'd God to spare him to the joy of all that know his worth. M^r Chamberlayne has buryed his Lady at the end of which will inform you, to his very great regret. M^r. Lowther's Letter will inform you I doubt not of his own and other Friends health particularly those in Lancashire Hertfordsh. & Millbank;

I thank God all your Friends of both Societys except those I have mention'd enjoy a good health The Marq. de Rueyre & his Lady with their Son are return'd from Paris but the little Girl was left behind with her venerable Marq. the Father, who will no doubt give her an excell^t M^rs a foreign Education. The marq. brought home with him a flux & he abominates M^rs eating so many of the tempting Grapes of the Country. ——————

J

I heartily wish you a safe return with mond.
Boscher to whom pray my most humble service
and be assured I am

Dear S. yo. most humble Serv.

M. Dollins & M. Hute
return their humble service to you

Pray if you write to Neufchatel give my most
humble service to the Excell. M. Osterwald both Father
& Son. If S. La Croze be still at Geneva my
humble service to him. I hope he red. the Requ.
of an hund. of Com. Prayer books sent to him
by order of the Society by M. Chamberlayne's hand.

London 1. Oct. 1719.

To Henry Lacey Esq.
at Boston Lincolnsh.

Sr

Rec. both your Favours of 29 Aug. & 19. last
month, and upon rec. of the forth took measures to have you
proposed for a Corresponding Member according to the
Rules of the Soc: and this day they unanimously chose you
for their Correspond. at Boston, and thank You for the Earnest
You have given them of concuring in the promotion of
their Designs

Your 2d. Ltr was referd to a Comee who have had
several Candidates presented to them to succeed M. Kerfoot
but all things considerd the person recomended in
the

enclosd the M.r Edw.d Evans by whom, appeard to be the fittest for your service his Wife being capeble of doing her part in respect to the Girls School. The Society upon a report from the Comee have this day agreed to recomend them to you in hopes that they may answer the expectacon of the worthy Trustees especially after a little Experience in the Business of the School. It will be well if they can be at Boston before M.rs Kinsdot comes away in order to wch they are directed by the Society to take the first opportunity of going hence, and they intend to set out in the Stage Coach this day Night. The Society have presented M.r Evans with a packet of Books out of their Store such as may be proper for the use of the Childn under his Care.

M.r Evans and his Wife will be at some Charge in conveying themselves to Boston and suffer some loss in the hasty disposal of their Household stuff to accomodate themselves for the Journey in which they hope they may be considerd by the Trustees, and they submit to their Generosity therein, to be favourd as the Trustees shall think fit.

I shall be glad to be any ways serviceable to you here, being

Sr your most humble Servant

To W. Jos. Harford at Yeovil Som:

mt. 6. Oct. 1719.

Y.r I have yours of the 3.d Inst. and am very much concern'd to hear of the return of your Hæm, may let me know with y.r first conveniency after this come to hand whether it continues, and what hopes you have of overcoming it, & being reconcil'd to y.r place so as to answer the expectation of those worthy Gent. who sent for you, and with some reasonable content to y.r self & family.

I am glad to find you so resigned to good Providence which by ordering wisdom disposes of our persons & all Events that can any wise affect either our Souls or Bodies, you take the true & effectual course to be easie wherever you are, while you can contentedly & cheerfully submit y.r self to the Divine will.

If you don't find relief by y.r Bark pray try the Quedy on the other side, recommended to me by a worthy Gent. who says it has cured many Cases even where the bark has fail'd.

I am Y.r Y.e H. N.

My humble Service to M.r Strong. M.r Evans & his wife set out next Thursday for Boston.

To Henry Lacey Esq.r at Boston

London 7. Oct. 1719.

Sr.

The Bearer M.r Edw.d Evans and his Wife are the Persons whom the Society have agreed to recommend to the Trustees at Boston to be Master & Mistress of the Charity Schools there. I hope they will acquit themselves as

as acceptably as Mr. Harfoot and his Wife have done, and that it may please God to give them a greater share of health than their Predecessors have enjoy'd.

Mr. Harfoot has told him, how good a Patron you have been to him and the Schools during his Service; I hope these Persons will strive to deserve the Continuance of your Patronage upon them and the Schools, assuring you that I am

I wrote to you the 1st Curt. S. Yr. & Yrs. most humble Servant

To W. Alderman Kiteby at Norwich. S.

London. 10. Oct. 1719.

I recd your very Christian Letter by last Post accompanyd with a Bill for 4. l. drawn by Mr. W. Prestland on me. I this day delivered to our Treasurer Mr. Shute to receive; ~~but looking over the List of Books you desire in order to give direction~~ and shall acquaint the Society with the Contents of yr. Lett. at their next Meeting. in the meantime I thought it necessary to let you know that looking over the List of Books desired I find you have misapprehended the terms of the Society's Circular Lett. by the Estimate you sent, as you will find by comparing the estimate here-with sent ~~with~~ which is made conformable to the 7th Paragraph of the Circular Letter, ~~the 7th Paragraph of which~~ ~~Key by which the Society Catalogue~~ and comes to £.7: 1: 5. the. ~~which you seem to take it the Society give~~ the binding of the bound books, and half the price of the Sticht books is not reckoned into the charge, whereas you seem to take it that the bound & Sticht books are to be estimated by the same Rule, which they are not ~~to be~~ proposed in the Circular Lett. but that the bound books shall be afforded at prime Cost in Exeter, & the Sticht books at ½ price. Now what I am to request of you is that you would let me know whether you would have all those books sent which you have desired, or only so many as may be afforded for 4. l. and if the

~~the last~~ you would have y^e Letter, please to let me know what articles you would have diminished to reduce the Value to 4. l. wherein your orders shall be obeyd by

I shall make y^r. Compliments to y^r. Johnt Brothers & his Son as soon as I see y^m or to W^m. Hodges.

Your S^r. y^r. most humble Serv^t. H. N.

Before your prudent advice for well stitching the books came to hand, the Society had agreed to allow the odd Six pence ~~off~~ wch. you see in the Collum of books ~~to be allowd~~ in consideration of their being all stitched upin white Paper and then cover'd over with a good blue paper pasted on, Marble Paper being too dear to be afforded at that price. And as to y^e bound books ~~I may acq^t. you that~~ the Society have agreed to lead out no bibles with the common binding by w^ch. they may fall to pieces in 3. or 4. m^ths. using but to allow ~~rather~~ 2^d. or 3^d. extraordinary in the binding of each bible that it may last as long again: and if there be any defect in either of those coverings the Society will thank their Correspond^ts. if they complain of it that it may be redressed.

An Estimate of the Charge of the Packet desir'd by M^r. Alderm. Rickbrow at Norwich according to the New Regulation published by the Society

Bound Books estimated at the Charge in Quires, the Society to giving the binding of them

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80. Fest. Lond. Brev. 12^mo. at 9^d. | 3: | 0: | 0 |
| 80. Lewis's Exposit. ch. Catechism at 3 | 1: | 0: | 0 |
| 12. Whole Duty man small 12^mo. at 13^d. | 0: | 13: | 0 |
| 4. Life of Da: Bonnel Esq^r. at 2^s. | 0: | 8: | 0 |
| 12. A Bp Wakes Comment on the Ch. Catechism | 0: | 14: | 0 |
| | 5: | 15: | 0 |

Stitch'd Books.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12. Ch. Catech. broke into short Quest. | 3: | 1 | 2 |
| 50. Earnest Exhort. to Housekeepers | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Necessary Duty of Family Prayer | 3: | 3 | |
| 100. Prayers for the use of Ch. Schools | 6: | 6 | |
| 25. Morn. & Even. prayers for Families | 5: | 0 | |
| 50. Christ. Daily Devotion | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Exercise ~~abt.~~ for ch. Ch. ab^t. Confirm. | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Caut. & Direct^ns in performing the sub. Worship of God | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Earn. Persuasive for keeping the Lords Day | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Pastoral Letter | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Kind Caution to Swearers | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Dissuasive from Drunkenness | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Rebuke to the Sin of Uncleanness | 3: | 3 | |
| 50. Exercise agt. Lying | 3: | 3 | |
| 10. Christian Monitor | 2: | 6 | |
| These Latter rated at ½ price to the Cor. Members | 2: | 12: | 10½ |
| | £1: | 6: | 5½ |
| | £7: | 1: | 5½ |

To S.r Thomas Lowther 72 at Geneve — Mid. Temple, 21. Oct.r 1719.

D.r S.r Thomas

My last was of the 24.th Sep.r acknow=
:ledging the rec.t of your Favour of the 11. of the same month N
in which I forgot to beg you would in your Travels thrô
Avignon make Enquiry of the famous Monsr. Geo. Psalma=
=naazar, whose History published here about 14. Year ago
made so much Noise. He is stil living here at Cam=
:berwell enjoying a wonderful Genius but stil suspected
of being an Impostore, as to most or all his Pretentions
in the former part of his Story in wch. as I remember
(for I have not the History by me) he pretends to be born
at Formosa in the East Indies about 1680. and brought
thence by Pere de Rode of Avignon to Europe ab.t 1698.
and to Avignon soon after, where if I mistake not he
pretends to have resided about 1700. He made himself
remarkable here at his first coming by eating Raw flesh
by wch. Circumstance perhaps he may be remembred
at Avignon thô some doubt whether he has ever been
there. I shd. be glad therefore if you could inform
yourself of that Opinion Men of Letters at Avignon
had of him, whether Pere de Rode be living there or
was living about 1700. and what acco.t he gave of
him if he brought him from Formosa. Perhaps
he may have gone there under another Name than
Psalmanazar, but a native of Formosa he pretended
to be at Rome and every where else as he past
thro

till he came to Flanders where he was christened George about 1703. or 4. by D.r Innis then chaplain of Brigad.r George Lauder's Regim.t who stood as Godfather

If you have read his Story you will recollect — other matters to be enquired about too long to be inserted in a letter, but it would be a particular Satisfacon to me to know what repute he had at Avignon, and how he came there, if ever he was there; w.h Ignestion — because the late K. Bp Cant. said in my hearing that he had reason to believe he had never ~~had~~ been at Avignon because by the List of Popish Missioners to the Indies there had not been any for 150 Years past by the name of Pere de Lode. Mons.r Borcher can perhaps already answer all these Enquiries without giving you the trouble of going further w.h makes me the freer in desiring you to make them.

The enclosed will inform you of the welfare of yo.r Friends here & particularly of M.rs Lowther who did me the honour of a visit this Morning.

I shd be glad to be favoured now & then, at your leisure wh permits with an Accot. of yo.r Travels especially the agreable parts of them, and to know when yo.r friends here may expect the happiness of seeing you, assuring you that I am Dear Sr.

Yo.r most obed.t humb. Servt.

The King it is supposed is now setting out from Hanover and may be here by the beginning of Nov.r. My humble service to Mons.r Borcher My Lord & remember cover'd to Mrs Chamberlayne who is very much afflicted with the death of her Lady. M.r Philipps and M.r Dolins are well.

Mrs Hibbert at Hampstead 17 Mid. Temple. 26. Oct. 19

Madam. I acquainted the Society for Promoting of S. Gospel Christian Knowl. with yr. kind Benefaction to the Malabar Mission & they have ordered me to desire you would accept their thanks for it. I have sent it to W. Hoare who is Treasurer for that Branch of their designs, and have sent likewise with his Receit for it. I am allso to be yr. acquaintance when at Hampstead and to acquaint you how far the Book herewith sent will give you some account of the Mission you are pleased to encourage, assuring you that I am Madam Yr. most obliged humb.

To Mrs Barker
at Hampstead

26. Octob. 1719.

Madam

The Society for Promoting Xtian knowledge having been informed of yr. kind Benefaction to that Branch of their designs wch. relates to the Protestant Mission to the East-Indies I am ordered to send you their thanks for it, and to pray yr. acceptance of the book herewith sent wch. gives some account of that Mission from the beginning of it. I am very much obligd to you for the favour you

You are glad to shew to ~~a~~ ~~a~~ design wch
I know have not a little at heart
~~I know to~~ ~~gives~~ me not a little pleasure
~~to be conceiv'd in~~, as it offers the prospect of a
glorious enlargemt of the Christian Church ~~&~~
~~& while the Scriptures seem to point at as what may be~~
~~begun just accomplish'd~~
~~fulfill'd in our Days~~. ~~May you live to see the~~
~~fruits of yr Charity~~ ~~May you live to see~~ the happy
the Conversion of the Heathen ~~by~~ Christianity, ~~&~~ the
~~May you live to see the~~ fruit of yr Charity ~~in as ample~~
~~a manner as you desire~~ and ~~then~~ you alway
~~will~~ ~~rejoice~~ rejoice in ~~them~~
~~May yr Charity~~ & if this be the fruit of your
Charity ~~I am sure~~ you will ~~rejoice~~ rejoyce in
it, as well as ~~&~~

I have enclosed Madam Yr. most obliged humble
W. Hoare's Recpt servt
for ~~the Resolution~~ the S. Guin's.

To the Revd
W. Disney at Lincoln. Mid. Temp. 31. Octob.
1719.

Revd & Dr. Sr.

W. Eddows just now call'd upon me to
tell me that My L. Chancell. has declar'd
~~declared~~ his pleasure that you shd have
the Living of Kirkby Super Baine ~~&~~
upon wch I heartily congratulate you.
~~I suppose you will be obliged to come to Town~~
~~for Institution and therefor~~ W. Eddows tells me it
~~will not be necessary for you to come~~ that whether
you come to Town or by a Sr. take out the Seals
for this Grant that My L. Gentlemen will exact
the ~~the~~ fees which are by custom allow'd when
the Living is above 50. l. p. an. value I told
him I dare be answerable that you would not be
wanting

wanting to ~~be~~ every thing that could be thought proper in such cases, and desir'd him to give me a Memorand. of the Ordinary & Extraord. Fees that ~~Enquiry might be made~~ to transmit to you that ~~by Enquiry~~ you might if you pleas'd inform your self of others that have had the Seals in the like cases; which ~~I have~~ are herein subjoin'd ~~on the other side and above you~~ by ~~being that I am~~

Dear Sr.
Yr. most obed. humble Servt.
H. N.

You will think it matter to write a letter of thanks to My L. Chan.: if you should not come up soon.

For the Living of Kirkby super Baine in Lincolnshire in L. Chan.' gift.

The ordinary Fees ~~are~~ for the Seals are

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the Secry | 5 | 16 | 6. |
| To his Clerk | | 10 | - |
| For the King's Stamps | 4 | - | - this is only for Livings Val. at above 10. l. in y Old Val |
| Fees of the great Seal | 3 | 18 | 6 |
| Private Seal | 2 | 6 | 6 this a perquisite to y office is only when the real Val. is above 50. l. and in this y Patent to be sealed on a Seal day. |
| My L. Chan.' Porter | | 5 | - |
| | 16 | 16 | 6 |

Extraord. Fees ~~expected by~~ pd to My L. Chan.' Secr.' when the Living is above 50. l. ann. real value

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| My Lady | | | |
| 3 Gent. a Guinea each | 2 | 2 | - |
| The Seal Bearer ~~or Trifler~~ | 1 | 1 | - |
| 2. Sealers 5. each | | 10 | - |
| Engroser of the Patent, has ~~yet~~ ~~6~~ than a Guinea & for the most part | 2 | 2 | - |
| Engroser's Clerk | | 10 | - |
| | £. 6 | 5 | - |

To the Revd Mr. Griffith Jones
at Landowror Carmarthensh.
being a Postscript to the C. Lett.

London 3. Novr. 1719.

In Answer to your Lre of 10. April. I hope to get 2. or 3. doz. ~~Bibles~~ Welch Bibles for you at prime cost and perhaps more when they are taken out of the Printers hands, but then it will be an Express Condition that they will be given to the poor, which I have promised in your Name. The prime Cost will be 5/6. bound.

Upon further Consideracon I am sure of 3. doz., but I am not so of a further Number and therefore you may remit the prime Cost for 3. doz. as soon as you please. the Money being to be paid upon the Delivery of them into my hands or to any other friend you shal order to receive them here

To Mr. Humph. Mackworth
at Neath Glamorganss.
R. to C. L.

Lond. 3. Nov. 1719.

Worthy Sr.

I had sooner acknowledg'd the receit of yr. Compts. Lt. of 17. Sept. wrote by yr. Order but that I have been every day in hopes of acquainting you of such a Person as you expect for the Ch. Sch. you intend at Neath, but to this day I have not been able among all the Candidats that have offerd to meet w.th a person qualify'd as you desire. I shal continue my Inquiries, and gladly let you know w.n I meet w.th a proper person. I believe there will be an easiness in dispensing w.th his being a married Man provided his Wife be capable of some business as a Ch. Mr. or Mistress I wish I hope you had been provided because I hear nothing from you for a long time.

To the Revd. Mr. Postlethwayte 78 London. 5. Nov. 1719

This presents you with the Society's Circ. Lett. for this year, wherein you will see what use they have made of your useful book entitled the Way of Living in a Method &c. which according to the Rules of the Society your many obliging them to take time to consider of anything of this nature which is offered to them especially when it is in MSS. which is the reason you have not sooner heard from me, but now I am by order of the Society to desire you would accept their thanks for your kind present of the Copy of that Book and to desire y.r acceptance of 50. Copies, as an acknowledgment of their gratitude which shall be sent either immediately or hereafter when you may have occasion for other books, as you shall direct. I shall be glad to have your thoughts also of the method they have fallen upon for dispersing useful books for y.e future & of me y.r I am Revd. S.r

the Revd. Mr. Hunt our Treasurer being lately removed to his House in Old Southampton Building Holborn you will please to direct y.r Letters hither, for the future to S.r Y.r

To the Revd. Mr. Sam: Blackwell at Brampton Derbysh.

London. 7. Nov. 1719.

Revd Sr

Pursuant to your Letter of the 18. of May the Society's Bookseller has been with Mr. Taylor and bought all the Copies he had left of yo.r Several Methods of Reading the Scripture & Brief Scheme of Parochl. Governmt. and he is willing to take off all the Copies in Mr. Ratten's hands at the usual prizes among Booksellers, and then as you very kindly propose he will bear the charge of a New Impression for the Service of the Society, when also they will be afforded at a cheaper rate for the Sabbath Good, than they are set at in the Circular Lre, as you justly complain of in yo.r Lre of 31. Oct but it could not be avoided to rate em at 4 for the present Sale, because y.r price was set at the bottom of the Title Page

To Mr. Charles Tittey
at Uffington Stow Lincolnsh.

S.r I am to thank you for the favour
of yr.s of 29. Octob.r and condole with you on the death
of the late Revd. Mr. Evans who gave me the first
notice I had of the death of the late Revd. Mr.
Evans on wch occasion I heartily condole w.th
you & yr. Lady. According to yr. advice I sent
to the Prerogative office to search for Mr. Evans's will & find the date of it
of his Library after your own decease among poor Livings &c.a as the So=
=ciety for Promot.g Christian Knowledge shall direct in case
you should not have a Son that shall live to take
Priests orders &c.a I have obtain'd a Copy of this
Charitable Bequest & acq.td the Society with it, who
doubt not of the care of will be glad to hear that one of yr.
Sons inheriting his grandfather's Virtues, may come to the
enjoym.t of this Bequest as it is intended, but after yr. own
use of them, but as this may be at some distance of time
to come, I am order'd to desire you will please at
yr. convenience to transmit to the Society a Catalogue
of the Books contain'd in his Library thus bequeathed
and whatever charge there may be in making or trans=
=cribing such Catalogue shall be freely defrayed
for by

S.r Yr. &c.

who are very thankfull for the Confidence yr. late father in law
was pleas'd to repose in them, and would be glad to
be advised by you have any further information from you by
wch they may be enabled to execute that trust if ever
it should by the Limitation fall to their Lot to be concern'd in
it.

I am S.r Yr. H. N.

To the Rev. Mr. John Richardson
at Beltarbet Frd. being L.
to the C. L.

London · 17. Nov. 1719.

Dear Sr. Mr. Shute not having room in his present habitation to receive your Irish Books, I have obtained Leave to put them into an Upper Chamber of St. Paul's Chapter House (with the remains of the Books in Store belonging to Lerech. Lib.) til your pleasure can be known about them. The last Letter I rec.d from you was dated 10. may 1718. to w.ch I wrote an answ.r the 25. Nov.r following wherein it was particularly desired by some of your Friends that used to meet at White hall that you w.d Commission Mr. Shute to dispose of a 1000. Copies of them to charitable uses in Ireland; for tho you had given him a general Commission before to give away or sell as he could of them yet on this occasion it was thought reasonable to desire your particular Order for so great a Number. I shal be glad to hear of your Welfare at all times being

Dear Sr.

To the Rev.d Mr. Stevenson
R. of Morning Thorp near Norwich

London. 28. Nov. 1719.

Rev.d & Dear Sr.

I have forborn sending you this: tho in hopes of a frank to cover to you at the same time a Copy of Mess.rs Zieg. & Grunderi last Letter to the Society dated at Tranquebar $\frac{25 \text{ Nov}}{6 \text{ Dec.}}$ 1718. till I am ashamed to forbear it any longer and therefore now content my self only with sending you below a Copy of a Paragraph or 2. in it. The Society are now considering of a Cargoe proper for the Missionaries to be sent in the next Ships, wherein they will be glad to be advised by you w.t to send beside Money. The Missionaries themselves have only desired a Quantity of the same sort of Paper w.ch they have printed the Pentateuch on in Portuguese to compleat the Old Testam.t upon, the Paper they

they make being too thick and Clumsy for so large a work, & also any books w.ch may help to illustrate the Holy Scriptures &c. accordingly they have agreed to send by the Ships next going to Ream, and the Polyglott Bible, Grotius's works, Rerum Judicarum and such other Books as they find by a Catalogue I have by me, are not already sent. Perhaps their Modesty would not suffer them to ask for other things, but if you will suggest w.t may really be of use to them or the Schools at Fort St. George, the Society will not want Inclination to do therein according to the utmost of their abilities, concerning w.ch pray favour me with your advice as soon as you can you'l oblige the Society and

Dear Sr. Yo. most humble Serv.t

Gov.r Collet I hear has asked leave to come home next January come 12. mo. and the Comp.a have consented to it: But his Successor is not yet named. Mr. Hastings is talked of. Pray w.t is his Character? & how is he affected to the Mission.

Please to direct to me at the Mid. Temple. My humble service to your Lady & Son. There is no Sale Ship from Fort St. George The K. George is next expected but not till February or March

[ The Paragr. subjoyned here was from Reverendum Dominum Stevenson —— to Gubernat. Collet ex propenso in Missionem animo proferito mense 45. Lagudal donavit ]

I rec.d with this a Lett. from the Missionaries to K. George w.ch I hope will have as gracious an answ.r as their last. Capt. Holden Mast.r of the Mary took leave of the Court last Wednesday but the Letters will not be sent on bord till the Ship is in the Downs. I shall be glad to take care of any Letters from you for my Friends in India, for here I must give no leave to accept from you to be printed Letter above &c. Mr. Wendy was cast away in the Vansittart on the Isle of Mary but escaping with his Life is gone on to India

To the Revd. Mr. Larfect
at Stroud Kent.

London 3. Dec: 1719.

Revd Sr.

I have yr favour of the 30. of last month and this Evening communicated it to the Society who were very much pleas'd with the Prudent Methods you have taken to form a Soc: among the Clergy in your Neighbourhood for the more effectual Promotion of the Interests of Religion, and if one may judge of the rest of your proceedings by the excellt Resolution you have taken to recomend in yr. respective Parishes the Practice of Family Prayer as one of the best means of restoring Piety & Virtue wch are now so much lost in the World, one cannot help presaging that God will bless yr Consultations & make them the occasion of abundance of good.

The Society imediately order'd the Books you desire pursuant to the L. L. to be sent both those for Stroud and those for Longcott, wch I shall further take care ab. but as to the Book abt you desire may be printed on the Subject of Family Prayer, the Soc: being ty'd up to Rules wch y. require more time for their approveing and directing a thing of yt nature than was consistent wth the Dispatch necessary for furthering yr Laudable Intention, they desire you wd devolve the care of publishing such a little book as you propose on Mr. Shute, or any other Frd as you shall think fit, and Mr. Shute being present when yr Lett. was read, readily undertook it.

Pray how do's Mrs. Good & his Wife & our Friend Rowe? I hope to hear from them because you say nothing to the contrary. My Service to them & believe that I am

Revd Sr. Your most humble Ser

To the Revd Mr. Tho. Allen
at Kettering

London. 8. Dec. 1719.

Revd Sr. I rec'd your letters of the 9th. 14th. and 30th. of last month; and ~~the enclosed Bill~~ for 50 Shillings from Mr. Hanway Bookseller who stop'd 1. Shill. of the 50. for carriage, wch. I sh. sooner have acknowledged but that it was referd to a Com.e to consider wherein the Society's new Regulation for distributing books among the Poor might be improved so as to be effectual for the end design'd by the Society wch reference was partly occasion'd by yr. former Letters, wherein you seem'd to understand the design of the Society to be to sell the Bibles &c.a to the poor at the Prices mentioned in their Cir. Lett.r which the Society never intended, if they were a thing that just possible, because if their Fund were 50. times larger than it is, it might not be sufficient to answer all demands in such a manner, and they would inevitably draw on themselves a clamour from all parts of the Kingdom, as if the Society were design'd to undermine their Livings, while those who could make interest with a Clergyman or Member to get a Bible or Com. Pray. Book &c.a for themselves or their Neighbours went to Kettering or elsewhere to buy Books &c.a for them.

The Society were aware of this when they first projected their new Method of distributing Books &c.a and therefore took care to guard agt. it by intimating to their Correspondents that their intentions were to facilitate the giving away Bibles &c.a to the poor at the Prices mentioned in their Circ. Lett.r and that where a fund could not be raised to supply the wants of the poor at those Prices, that they only desired the Correspondent to signify as much, that they might be allowed the advantage of having them on the terms mentioned in the Letter, and the Rich be allowed only to have them on the said terms to give away among the Poor.

The Committee have not had leisure to come to a resolution upon the abovementioned reference, but I am allowed to tell you that in regard to yr. zeal for promoting the design of the Society, when you are pleased to signify yr. readiness to observe the above mentioned cautions, the Society will immediately order the sending of as many more Bibles &c.a as you shall desire.

I may add further that tho' the Charity Schools are still the object of the Society's care as much as ever, yet where there is a Fund sufficient to buy Bibles &c.a for them the Society hope that their Correspondents will not take the advantage of this small Fund to the prejudice of poor House keepers who have no Fund to resort to; but in short the Society must rely on the prudence & integrity of their Correspondents not to embarass a well intended project for assisting the Poor, with Religious books, but to facilitate the labours of the Clergy, & promote the use of them among those who are willing to learn the Christian Religion, & live answerable to the profession of it. I am Sr.

it is by those that content themselves with a bare profession of it.

To the Rev.d W.m ~~Rye~~ Herbert Pye
at Monmouth.

S. Nov.r 1769.

Rev.d S.r I did answer yr. favour of the 31st of Octob.r the 20th of last Month since wch I have rec.d like wise ~~your~~ Letter of the 22d of Nov.r ~~this~~ desiring in the name of the Treasurer of yr. School a Doz. Bibles &c.a upon which I must acquaint you that tho the Ch. Schools are ~~with~~ the objects of the Society's care as much as ever yet where there is a Fund sufficient to buy Bibles &c.a for them the Society hope that their Corespondents will not take the advantage of the small Fund mentioned in their Circular Letter which was principally intended for the benefit of poor Housekeepers who have perhaps no other Fund to resort to than this.

Give me leave therefore to beg you would by a line let me know whether the Fund for supporting yr. Ch. School be not sufficient to defray the Charge of it, as well in respect to Books as other things, and if it be not, I will acq.t the Society with it, and believe when that is represented they will as readily give their assistance in the case you mention as to Poor Housekeepers & other poor Persons: you will easily imagine what would be the Consequence of every Ch. School in the Kingdom expecting a Supply from the Society of all the Bibles &c.a wch they the want at the Rates mentioned in the Cir. Lett.r and ~~that it would be a~~ ~~great Fund~~ therefore tho the Society did not expressly exclude Ch. Sch. from partaking in their small Fund they ~~have~~ left it to the prudence of their Corespond.ts ~~to~~ ~~apply~~ all for Bibles &c.a for Schools only where necessity requires it, and if this be the case of Monmouth School, I am sure what you desire will be granted. I am

S.r

Yr.

Coll. Leg. & Grundle
Capt. Holden.

Rev.d & Dear.d Sr Mid. Temple. 9. Dec.r 1719.

I reid y.r most acceptable Letters of 1.o/11. Aug. 1718. to my self & of 25. Nov.r of the same year to the Society and shall make 6. Dec.r which are all the Letters I have reid during last year ex=cept what were directed to y.r friends in Germany & (Copenhagen) which have been all deliverd to our friend M.r Boehm & forwarded as he will inform you.

I have reported to the Society by order of the Society 50 Reams of Paper and other things & Polyglott Bible are now brought to be sent to you in the Ships going hence ab.t Christmas when I shall write more largely. at present I am glad to tell you that y.r letter to His Maj.tie having been deliverd to him on his return from Hanover was received graciously that I hope my next will accompany an Answer to it with some signal expression of His Maj.ties favour to you, and the Undertaking you are engag'd in.

The Packet directed to Mons.r Saltzmann at Heilbron was seiz'd for having contraband Goods in it & detain'd 2. or 3. months, but the greatest Crime was that it was sent among the Company's books & papers & would have brought a Slur upon them if the detection had not been made by one of their own officers. I have made the best apology I could for you on this occasion that it was a present not Merchandize that you would have sent it directly to Denmark if you had had opportunity, and that if you had known the danger ac=crewing to the Comp.a by taking the liberty you did, you would not have done it upon any consideration.

It is at length deliver'd to me & I have sent it to M.r Bodin but before I could receive it I was oblig'd to promise to the directors that such a mistake should never be made again, that whenever you have occasion to send such a parcel it must be deliver'd

to the

the Capt. with a declaration of the Contents of it, and
then it regularly passes the Custom House without involving
the Company under any penalty wch I am told would
in this case have been 200. l. penalty to the
if the Kings Officer had discovery made y Wds. D/scovery
it instead of one that belong'd to the Company.

I am glad to congratulate you that it has escaped so fatal
a casualty. The painted Tshiten were the most exceptionable
Goods in the parcel, and the importation of them so Strictly prohibited that they
cannot be exported without being in danger of seizing be made
if they are enter'd at y Customhouse & a declaration upon
oath when & in what Ship they were imported, which
would bring all into danger again, and therefore Mr. Boehm
hopes to get 'em convey'd among some Bagage for the
King to Germany where they may not be liable to
inspection any more till they come to Mr. Saltzmann's
hands. I hope nothing of the parcel has mis=
=carry'd Littertoo tho' it was cutt open and all
the Books & Papers separated from the Linnen, wch
I have again packt up as well as I could.

My most humble Service to yr. Ladies and
Mr. Berlin be assured I am with the greatest respect

Dear Sr. Yr. most obed. humble Servt
H. N.

My humble Service
to Messrs. Berlin, Schultz
Dal & Listenmacher who
I hope are safely arrived wth. ye ere now.
My Service also to Mr. Hoker.

I have herewith sent a Copy of the Society's last
Circ. Lett. to their Corresponding Members in Europe, to
let ye see what notice they have therein taken
of yr. proceedings.

11th Decr. Since writing what is above Mr. Boehm has read a Bill from the
College at Copenhagen of 500. l. to be remitted to you in pts of S. & the East India
Company have this day declar'd Mr. Hastings shall succeed Mr. Collet in the Governmt
of Fort St. George & Mr. Jennings to succeed Mr. Hastings in the Governmt of Fort
St. David's who will I hope continue to support your Interest & Mr. Hastings
must do it in that Station in order to give Dayes [illegible]

14 Dec. Since writing the above Mr. Boehm has received a Letter from Mr. Saltzmann
by the Carrier he has in the County about Penrose Hill from whence
Mr. Saltzmann says a Coach from thence carrying another to you
will have departed this day.

Honoured Sr. 16. Dec. 1719

I beg leave humbly to signify that the 3000. ℔. mentioned in the Society's Addresse to ye Court is not ~~in~~ their hands yet, but they daily expect remittances from Germany and Denmark to make up such a Summ. And to avoid giving the Trouble to the Court of another application ℔. is expected is included in their request. It is humbly hoped that the Honble Court will w.th their usual Goodness grant such a Favour in Consideracon that the Family & charge of Schools under the Missionaries is very much encreased and that part of this Money is to pay for w.t some of the Comp.a Servants at Fort St. George have generously lent to the Missionaries for compleating their New Church & Capernaile &c. I am

Sr. Yr most obligd humble Serv.

To Robt. Hales Esqr.

Mid. Temple. 16. Decr. 1719.

Honoured Sr.

This is humbly to desire you would ~~acq.t~~ acq.t the Excellt. Baron de Bernsdorff & M. de Robethon that ~~all~~ the East India Company's Ships bound to that part of the Indies where the Protestant Danish Missionaries are will be dispatchd soon after Christmas and are so every year. That 2. ships are gone already one in October last & ye other lies at Portsmouth for Sailing Orders, So that whatever Answr His Majtie may be graciously pleasd to make to their Letter if it does not go by these Ships at Christmas cannot be sent till about Octob.r next. And the Society had that in their view when they propos'd that any Annual Allowance w.th His Majty should

the Archbp of Canterbury about that Sum: that there may be time both to Solicite the payment of it, and the shipping of it on board one of the Company's Ships for wch a particular leave must always be obtain'd from the Court of Directors ~~or rather~~ before an Entry at the Custom house before any thing can be sent, of what nature soever but especially Money.

I have wrote ~~by the~~ to the Missionaries by the Ship now ready to Sail that their Letter had been delivered to His Majtie & was very graciously accepted & y^t perhaps an Answer might go by the next Ships but I did not dare to tell them of Money till I had your leave so to do. The thing being short will require a little more application ~~in soliciting~~ to solicite an Answr, but the good y^t will result from ~~the~~ your good Offices will I hope be an ample satisfaction for ~~all~~ the trouble on this occasion and will very much oblige the Society, as well as the Missionaries

I am Dear Sr Yr most obliged h. s.

To Willm Jennings Esqr
at Fort St. George.

Wm. Temple
19. Decr. 1719.

Hond and Dear Sr

By y^e Mary Capt.n Holden.

I Received y^r first Lett.r of the 9th. of Sept.r 1718. & communicated it to the Society who are very thankfull for y^r good Offices to the Missionaries and intirely approve of the application you have made of part of their little Funds in y^r Church Stock for supporting a School at Cuddalore concerning which I shall be able to write more largely by the Duke of Cambridge or Derby or both. In the mean time I do most heartily congratulate you on the appointm.t wch the Hon.ble Comp.a

here have lately made of your being Governor
of Fort St. David's to wch your own Merit has justly
entitled you, and Providence seems thereby to open a
door for you having it in yr. power to protect
as well as to assist the Missionaries to whom you
have been already so kind. The King rec'd their
Letter to graciously & has declar'd
his intentions to assist them with Money wch I am
now soliciting to receive if possible so as to be sent by
the D. of Cambridge or the Derby.

The enclosed will inform you of the health of
yr. good Father and Children to wch I refer
you & remain Dr. Sr. Yr. most obliged
Hy most humble Servt humble Servt.
to Gbr. Collet, Mr. Legg, Mr. Long, Mr Vernon H. N.
Mr. Hutchins & Mr. Lee to whom
I hope to write by the next if
not by this Ship.

To the Revd. Mr. Zeig. Mid. Temple. 19. Decr. 1719.
Grundler
at Tranquebar

Revd & Dear Sr.

I am daily soliciting to know His Majesty's pleasure
what Answer he may be graciously pleas'd
to make to yr. Letter which I here send you
a translation, published by the King's leave
at the request of the Society, and wch I hope
may be attended with many Good Consequences
to the Mission. God almighty grant it &
ever prosper your undertaking. I am
Dr. Sr.
Yr.

To the Rev. D. Hallefax
L. of Old Swinford Worcestersh.

London 22. Dec. 17[illegible]

Rev. Sr.

My last was of the 27. of Oct. being the Society's C. L. for the present year. I am now to acquaint you that having lately rec. a Letter from the Rev. M. Professor Francke at Hall wherein he makes a grateful mention of your kind Benefaction to the Orphan House at Glaucha, I thought it proper to send you the Paragraph wherein he mentions it, it was an omission in the worthy M. Prof. not to send a rec. w. perhaps may come hereafter if desired, the Money being actually in his hands at the time he was advised of your Benefaction: For as he annually collects Benefactions to the Mal. Mission in their Order, he omits just so much less to the Rev. M. Boehm the Professor's Cashier in London for that purpose as the Benefactions in Engl. to his Hospital amount to, and so far the trouble and risque of a remittance is saved on both sides.

The Soc: will ere long have an occasion to publish the Professor's Lre with some short Narrative for exciting Charity &c. before it. I must desire you'd please to signify yr. leave for making use of your name in the manner M. Professor has expressed himself.

The Soc: are now preparing a Cargo for the Missionaries in E. I. Indies by the Ships now going, & am glad to tell you 1. the King himself has declared his Intentions to be a Benefactor to them upon His Majesty's receiving their Lre to Him published in the Gazett and St. James's & Whitehall Even. Post of Saturday last &c. will ere long be represented by the Society with some other Letters to present at occasion may be given to their Correspond. Members. I will be glad you will be pleased you desire in the approaching Solemn Commemoration of our dear Saviour's Nativity to remain

Sr.